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State authorities have identified the man killed by police after an armed standoff at a Panera Bread restaurant in Princeton on Tuesday.

Scott Mielentz, 56, was shot and killed after police negotiators spent several hours trying without success to convince him to "surrender peacefully," according to a statement from the Attorney General's Office.

Mielentz, who formerly lived in Newtown, Pa., and recently resided in Lawrenceville, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The tense standoff began around 10 a.m. Tuesday, when police were seen crouched with their guns drawn behind vehicles on Nassau Street, a block from Princeton University's Nassau Hall.

Customers and employees were able to escape the building, authorities said, but Mielentz remained inside. He was shot and killed by police shortly before 3 p.m., according to the Attorney General's Office.

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