

Cape detective shoots Millville teen - AG - Press of Atlantic City, The (NJ) - October 20, 2018 - page 1A

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VINELAND - The state Attorney General's Office on Friday released the name of the Millville teen who was fatally shot by police.

Jacob Servais, 19, was shot by a detective with either the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office or Lower Township Police Department on Thursday.

The Attorney General's Office did not say why Cape May County authorities were operating in Cumberland County.

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Lower Township police and the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office did not respond to requests for comment. The Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office deferred comment to the Attorney General's Office. The Vineland Police Department declined to comment.

The shooting occurred about 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Just for Wheels Car, Truck and Van Rental at 2587 S. Delsea Drive, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal said in a statement.

According to a preliminary investigation, the shooting occurred when detectives from the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and Lower Township encountered Servais as they were conducting a law-enforcement operation, Grewal said.

The man was taken by ambulance to Inspira Medical Center Vineland, where he was pronounced dead.

None of the detectives was injured, Grewal said.

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State Police charged Servais in June with death by auto in an Elk Township, Gloucester County, crash that killed Servais' 17-year-old passenger, according to the Daily Journal of Vineland. The crash came after a police chase that started in Franklin Township, the Journal reported.

Thursday's was the second fatal police-involved shooting in Vineland this year. On July 14, Vineland police shot and killed Rashaun Washington, 37, of Camden, after a standoff in which Washington threatened to trigger an explosive device.

The Attorney General's Independent Prosecutor Directive, issued in 2006 and revised in 2015,

requires the attorney general to review all police deadly force investigations, and in some cases conduct them, Grewal said.

The directive further states that unless the undisputed facts indicate the use of force was justified under the law, the circumstances of the incident must be presented to a grand jury, composed of 23 civilians, for independent review, Grewal said.

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