

State AG investigating fatal shooting by detective - South Jersey Times (NJ) - November 1, 2018 - page 001

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A detective who shot and killed a 19-year-old man in Vineland on Oct. 18 was investigating an earlier crime at the time and the man he killed was a suspect, the state Attorney General's Office revealed Wednesday.

John Caccia, a detective with the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office, was involved in a surveillance operation with other detectives when he shot **Jacob Servais** of Millville, in the parking lot of vehicle rental business on Delsea Drive in Cumberland County.

Caccia "encountered" Servais, who was driving a Nissan Altima, and fired his Glock 19, a 9mm handgun, three times, according to the Attorney General's announcement. Servais was pronounced dead at a hospital a short time later.

Investigators still have not revealed if Servais was armed or used any weapon during the encounter. Or provided any information about the crime they were investigating.

"The nature of any resistance and the use of any weapon

on the part of Mr. Servais remain the subject of that ongoing investigation, and no further information will be released at this time," the office stated.

The detectives involved in the surveillance operation, including officials with the Lower Township Police Department, were investigating a "violent crime" that occurred earlier in October, officials said, but details of that case were not disclosed.

The Attorney General's Shooting Response Team is reviewing the Servais shooting. That team will determine if the shooting was justified and could present the matter to a grand jury.

Caccia was placed on paid administrative leave pending completion of the investigation.

At the time of his death, Servais was under indictment in two counties and facing indictment in a third. He was also wanted on a bench warrant for skipping a court appearance in Gloucester County.

He was facing indictment on a vehicular homicide charge in Gloucester County following a June crash that killed a friend in his vehicle.

Servais was indicted earlier this month on an aggravated assault charge after he allegedly punched another resident in a juvenile detention facility in Bordentown and broke his jaw.

He was also indicted in Cumberland County earlier this year on a charge of receiving stolen property. That case involved a December 2017 arrest.

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