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Atlantic City

It's over in under 10 seconds.

A man approaches an Atlantic City police officer on foot and rapidly raises his right arm as the officer backpedals, gun drawn, yelling, "Put it down."

The officer fires, and the man goes down. He later dies.

The officer was stabbed, and treated and released from a hospital.

Authorities made public Tuesday evening the body-worn camera footage showing the encounter.

The shooting that killed **Timothy Deal**, 32, is seen from two perspectives: one of an officer on the scene and the other of the officer who was stabbed.

Neither officer is named.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office released the clips of the June 22 incident, which occurred while officers were investigating a hit-and-run near Kentucky and Caspian avenues.

In the videos, officers are talking to witnesses when Deal approaches.

"Put it down, put it down!" the one officer says as Deal approaches with the knife. The officer draws his weapon and shoots Deal, who falls behind a van that was involved in the crash.

"You good?" one officer asks after Deal is down.

"I might be stabbed, I'm not sure," replies the other.

Prosecutor Damon Tyner said the incident was tragic in a statement attached to the footage.

"The unfortunate circumstances, where unarmed individuals have been assaulted and in some instances killed, that have occurred throughout the United States should not be compared to this matter," Tyner said.

"We must not lose sight of the fact that a sworn police officer reported to the scene of an accident to protect the public, and was attacked for no apparent reason. The officer defended himself and protected the public from untold harm. This incident reminds us of how fragile life can be and we

should all be thankful that no innocent bystanders were injured.'"

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