

Report coming in Rochester officer-involved - Foster's Daily Democrat (Dover, NH) - October 3, 2018

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ROCHESTER — The state attorney general's office will release Thursday its final report on the fatal officer-involved shooting that occurred in Gonic on Aug. 20.

Senior Assistant Attorney General Peter Hinckley will present findings during a press briefing in Rochester City Hall's City Council Chambers at 1 p.m. Thursday, the AG's office announced Wednesday.

Douglas Heath, 38, of Colby Street in Gonic, was fatally shot on Aug. 20 following a police pursuit that ended in a crash at the intersection of Oak Street and Route 125, the AG's office has said.

The AG has said Heath exited the vehicle from the passenger side of the car, after which there was an exchange of gunfire between Heath and the two Rochester officers and two State Police troopers. Heath was struck by gunfire and died at the scene. The AG has said a gun was found near his body.

Heath was wanted on multiple drug charges at the time of his death, according to court records.

The officers and troopers involved were placed on paid administrative leave in conjunction with the investigation.

Thursday's press briefing will include police and private citizen video recordings of the incident, according to the AG's office. Copies of the AG's final report and the video recordings will then be available on the New Hampshire Department of Justice website at doj.nh.gov.