

## Video shows fatal end to standoff - Star-Ledger, The (Newark, NJ) - April 10, 2018

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A man armed with a BB gun who was killed by police inside a Panera Bread restaurant last month raised his gun and pointed it in the direction of the officers before he was fatally shot in the head and upper torso, according to video released by authorities Monday to media outlets.

The state Attorney General's Office emphasized that point in text edited over a copy of the surveillance video from inside the restaurant in Princeton.

The five-minute video shows a split screen of two vantage points inside the restaurant. One is from behind an officer, who is pointing an M4 rifle at **Scott Mielentz**, who is seen holding a handgun at his waist. The other angle is a side view of Mielentz.

Mielentz, 56, was shot after he kept authorities at bay for five hours on March 21. Customers and employees escaped the building, and no one else was injured.

The shooting remains under investigation. The video footage was released in response to requests under the state's Open Public Records Act and common law.

At about the 3½-minute mark in the video, authorities say, Mielentz raises the gun and points it at the officers. An officer crouched behind a trash basket can be seen firing his M4 rifle at Mielentz.

Mielentz was a self-described "loner" who suffered from hallucinations, anxiety and depression after a stint in the Army, according to information found in public records.

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