

No video of fatal police shooting in Vineland - - Press of Atlantic City, The (NJ) - November 10, 2018 - page 1A

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There is no body camera footage of a Cape May County Prosecutor's detective fatally shooting a teenager in Vineland last month, according to the state Attorney General's Office.

Jacob Servais, 19, of Millville, was shot and killed by Detective John Caccia on Oct. 18 during an investigation into a violent crime, according to the Attorney General's Office.

In response to an Open Public Records Act request for body-worn camera footage from the shooting, the state Division of Criminal Justice said in a letter received Friday that the division "does not make or maintain footage that captured the shooting or the events leading up to the incident."

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The Attorney General's Office, in responding to The Press of Atlantic City's public records request for other footage from the shooting, did provide video of Vineland police officers responding after Servais was shot. That video included officers setting up a perimeter and footage of someone performing CPR on Servais.

The office also provided the use-of-force report from the shooting. The summary of the incident says Caccia "discharged his issued duty weapon in fear of imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury."

Cape May County Prosecutor Jeffrey H. Sutherland, asked whether his office would release body camera footage the day after the shooting, replied by email that his office "will be providing no additional responses until we receive clearance from the Attorney General's Office."

Al Wheeler, an attorney who represented Servais in two property-crime cases in Cumberland County that were dismissed days before the shooting, said it seems like fatal police-involved shootings are "a genuine option that isn't special anymore" and it's "demoralizing."

"Sadly, I'm not surprised at all that they did not have body cameras, since we don't know what kind of operation they were involved in," he said, adding he's "waiting for the other things that will give us an indication about what went on out there."

The shooting took place about 3:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Just for Wheels Car, Truck and Van Rental at 2587 S. Delsea Drive. Caccia and other detectives from the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office and Lower Township Police Department were conducting surveillance for an investigation into a violent crime that occurred in the county earlier in the month, Attorney General Gurbir S. Grewal said in a statement.

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Caccia has been placed on administrative leave, Cape May County Prosecutor's Capt. Michael Emmers said. Caccia's annual salary is \$73,518, public records show.

Detectives believed Servais was a suspect, Grewal said. Whether Servais had a weapon is still under investigation.

The Oct. 18 incident was the second time a man was fatally shot in Vineland by authorities this year.

In July, Vineland police fatally shot Rashaun Washington, of Camden, during a standoff outside a home. Washington threatened to trigger an explosive device.

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