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May 11, 2026

Mr. Christian Kervick
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Dear Mr. Kervick:

The enclosed document is the Delaware Criminal Justice Council 11 Del. C §9210 Authorized Disclosures for the investigation involving Delaware State Police Sgt. John K. Wilson Jr. and Cpl/3 Eric L. Saccomanno.

The Department of Justice concluded their investigation and notified Delaware State Police on Thursday April 30, 2026.

Sincerely,

Colonel William D. Crotty
Superintendent

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Delaware Criminal Justice Council

11 Del. C. §9210 Authorized Disclosures

Agency Information

Law Enforcement Agency: Delaware State Police

Date of Incident: June 4, 2024

Incident Details

Law Enforcement Officer has discharged a firearm at a person. Yes | No

Law Enforcement Officer's use of force that results in serious physical injury. Yes | No

An investigation that results in a sustained finding that a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in a sexual assault or sexual harassment. For purposes of this paragraph, "sexual assault" means the commission or attempted initiation of a sexual act by means of force, threat, coercion, extortion, or offer or implication of leniency or official favor, under the color of authority. Propositioning sex or commission of a sexual act while an officer is on duty is deemed a "sexual assault." Yes | No

An investigation that results in a sustained finding that a Law Enforcement Officer engaged in dishonest conduct. This includes, but is not limited to sustained findings of perjury, false statements, filing false reports, witness tampering, and destruction, falsification, or concealment of evidence. Yes | No

A sustained finding of domestic violence by a Law Enforcement Officer. Yes | No

Detailed Narrative

Please include a detailed narrative of the incident. A "detailed narrative" means a complete description of the facts, steps taken to further an investigation, evidence collected, conclusions reached, the names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated, any discipline assigned in connection with the event, and the employment status of disciplined officers. 11 Del. C. § 9200(b)(1).

The detailed narrative may not reveal the name or any personal identifying information of a victim or witness. In a domestic violence case where revealing the name of the officer would also allow identification of the victim, the officer's name may be redacted.

The Criminal Justice Council shall post the narratives they receive under this paragraph on their website within 30 calendar days of receipt.

I. Complete Description of the Facts:

On June 4, 2024, Arnold Azamar, Jr. arrived at Harmony at Kent, a senior living facility, to visit his mother. Azamar had previously been banned from the property in part due to aggressive behavior. Despite the ban, Azamar was permitted to finish having dinner with his mother. At the conclusion of dinner, there was a dispute over Azamar remaining or possibly taking his mother with him. Staff from Harmony at Kent, and William Whitehead ("Whitehead"), an off duty maintenance worker who had previously dealt with Azamar, called 911.

Whitehead arrived at the facility with his 8-year-old son. He asked Azamar to leave, leading to a verbal argument. Whitehead called 911 and asked for an immediate response because Azamar was threatening to remove his mother from the property. A further confrontation ensued between Whitehead and Azamar. Azamar punched Whitehead and ran to his white SUV in the parking lot. Whitehead ran after him. Azamar pulled a pistol from the inside of the SUV and began waving it around. Azamar's cousin, Stuart Outten ("Outten"), pulled into the parking lot, having been alerted to the situation by family. Azamar fired at and struck Outten's car, causing Outten to immediately flee. Azamar then continued to fire and struck Whitehead, who collapsed in the parking lot.

Additional 911 calls were placed by staff and other witnesses, including Outten. Azamar's mother wandered out into the parking lot with Azamar. Dispatch continuously updated responding officers based on information relayed by 911 callers, including that Whitehead had been shot and was down in the parking lot, Azamar's mother was with him, and an 8-year-old child was taking cover in the white SUV.

Several troopers from Delaware State Police and officers from Dover Police Department, Probation & Parole, and Wyoming Police Department arrived and took tactical positions around the parking lot, with Sgt. Wilson on the eastern side and Cpl. Saccomanno on the far western side. Despite attempts to persuade Azamar to drop his weapon and seek assistance, he refused. Once Azamar's mother stepped to the side and out of the line-of-fire, Sgt. Wilson fired two shots and Cpl. Saccomanno fired one shot from their rifles. All three shots struck Azamar. Once he was disarmed, life-saving measures were started on Azamar and Whitehead. Both were transported to Bayhealth Kent Campus where they were pronounced deceased.

II. Investigatory Steps:

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Delaware State Police Homicide Unit and an independent investigation was conducted by the Delaware Department of Justice Division of Civil Rights and Public Trust.

III. Evidence Collected:

The evidence collected consisted of video footage, witness interviews, police interviews, dispatch records, scene photographs, forensic evidence and analyses, and medical records.

IV. Conclusions Reached:

Sgt. Wilson's and Cpl. Saccomanno's use of deadly force was justified for the purpose of self-protection and the protection of others. At the time deadly force was used, Azamar had shot Whitehead in the parking lot. Troopers believed there was an additional victim inside Harmony at Kent and that an 8-year-old was in a nearby white SUV. Negotiations and demands to Azamar to put down his weapon were refused. A review of the relevant evidence, including dispatch records, surveillance video, and body worn camera footage, confirms the timeline of events. Sgt. Wilson's and Cpl. Saccomanno's determinations that deadly force was necessary under the circumstances in which they found themselves were reasonable.

V. The names of officers involved for whom misconduct was substantiated:

N/A

VI. Any Discipline Assigned in Connection with the Incident:

N/A

VII. The Employment Status of Disciplined Officers:

N/A