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MALVERN BOROUGH POLICE FOUND JUSTIFIED IN USE OF DEADLY FORCE

Yesterday, the Chester County District Attorney’s Office publicly released the findings of their independent investigation into the fatal shooting by a Malvern Borough police officer which occurred in the 800-block of Charleston Greene on May 19, 2022. The investigation revealed that the involved officer’s use of deadly force was justified under the circumstances and that it was a lawful use of force by police.

The investigation determined that the deceased subject’s actions placed all the responding officers in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. By waving her firearm with her finger on the trigger while struggling over the gun, she jeopardized the lives of all present. The subject created a situation where the police officer had a reasonable belief that his life, and the lives of others, were in danger of serious bodily injury or death, thereby justifying the use of deadly force according to Pennsylvania law. The identity of the deceased subject has not been released at the request of the family. Below is a link to the District Attorney’s Office public findings and announcement of the results of this investigation:

https://www.chesco.org/DocumentCenter/View/68559/2022_0602-DAOs-Findings-on-Officer-Involved-Shooting-in-Malvern
Malvern Borough Mayor Zeyn B. Uzman offers his thanks to the Chester County District Attorney’s Office and his thoughts on this tragic incident. “I was on the scene soon after the event occurred and spent the entire day observing the actions of our police department and other responding agencies. I was impressed how professionally everyone involved handled this difficult situation. This event has been weighing on my mind since it occurred. I think about it every day and I am heartbroken for the loss of life, the effect it has had on the family of the deceased, the police officers involved and our community. No one ever thinks that this can happen in their community, but unfortunately, it can happen anywhere.”

Malvern Borough Council President Dr. Amy Finkbiner echoed Mayor Uzman’s sentiments regarding this incident. “I am saddened by the loss of life, and my thoughts are with the person’s family and friends. I know our officers are saddened as well, and I am grateful for their professionalism every day. I also want to recognize the DA's office for conducting a rigorous, thorough investigation. Such independent oversight is critical to our justice system.”

Now that the District Attorney’s investigation is completed, the Borough will move forward with concluding its own administrative investigation pursuant to the administrative policies and procedures of the Police Department and Borough.