



# Town of Wallkill Police Department

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**For Immediate Release**  
**May 12, 2022**

**Incident: Murder-Suicide - Update**  
**Location: 567 Route 211 East, Town of Wallkill, NY**  
**Date/Time: May 8, 2022 / 10:34 pm**

On Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 10:34 pm, members of this Department responded to a report of a "Shooting" at 567 Route 211 East. Upon arrival, officers discovered two deceased males, in the parking lot of the above-referenced location. The first individual was identified as Sean Armstead, a 36 year old, male, Port Jervis resident. Sean Armstead was at the time of the shooting, off-duty from his employment as a police officer with the New York City Police Department. The second person was identified as Edward Wilkins, a 20 year old, male, Wurtsboro resident. Edward Wilkins was at the time of the shooting, off-duty from his employment as a security guard with Resorts World Casino. Both individuals were pronounced dead on the scene.

The subsequent investigation into the incident disclosed that prior to the shooting; Sean Armstead and the victim, Edward Wilkins were known to each other. Immediately before the shooting, both Armstead and Wilkins, each alone, in separate vehicles, were traveling westbound on Route 211 approximately 130 feet west of Tower Drive, when Armstead's vehicle struck Wilkins' vehicle. Subsequently, there was a brief altercation before Armstead, armed with a Glock 9mm semiautomatic pistol, began firing his pistol as Wilkins fled on foot into the parking lot of Buffalo Wild Wings, 567 Route 211 East. Wilkins was struck multiple times by gunfire. Armstead then shot himself once in the head. The pistol recovered at the scene was determined to be Armstead's police service weapon.

The ongoing investigation into this incident is being conducted by the New York State Attorney General's Office and the Town of Wallkill Police Department.

Robert C. Hertman  
Chief of Police

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