



**CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE**  
**WESTERN DISTRICT MAJOR CRIME SQUAD**  
**Troop G – Bridgeport**



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On November 8, 2004, off duty New Haven Police Officer Elliot Rosa shot and fatally wounded Mack N. Lucky, date of birth February 22, 1947, inside an elevator at the William T. Rowe Apartments, 904 Howard Avenue, New Haven, CT. At the request of Michael Dearington, State's Attorney, Judicial District of New Haven, the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad was assigned to conduct a full investigation into the circumstances surrounding this shooting death.

The report and its conclusions are based upon that investigation in conjunction with the Forensic Science Crime Laboratory of the Connecticut State Police and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner.

The account given by Officer Rosa as to the events leading up to the tragic shooting of Mack N. Lucky, the shooting itself, and subsequent events is corroborated by the statements taken, evidence seized, examined and forensically analyzed, and the postmortem examination findings.

Based upon the applicable law, the State's Attorney's Office has concluded that Officer Rosa's use of deadly physical force in causing the death of Mack Lucky on November 8, 2004, was both reasonable and justified pursuant to Section 53a-22 of the Connecticut General Statutes. Officer Rosa was confronted with a knife, which clearly can inflict fatal injury. Moreover, Officer Rosa had no ability to retreat in the enclosed area of the elevator.

Officer Rosa, as provided by statute, was justified in defending himself "from the use or imminent use of deadly physical force."