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Attorney General: Concord man justified in fatal 2021 shooting



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A Warren Street resident was justified in shooting a man who tried to force his way into his apartment in January 2021, a [report](#)

(<https://web.archive.org/web/20220216054507/https://www.doj.nh.gov/news/2022/documents/20220215-final-report-terrence-wigglesworth.pdf>) from the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office concluded this week.

An investigation by the Attorney General's Office and the Concord Police Department found that Tyler Cochran, 33, shot 28-year-old Terrence Wigglesworth in self-defense. Wigglesworth died from a single gunshot wound to his chest.

"Based on the investigation of the shooting incident, the Attorney General finds that Mr. Cochran was justified in using deadly force against Mr. Wigglesworth," the report said. "As such, no charges will be filed against Tyler Cochran in the shooting death of Terrence Wigglesworth."

Wigglesworth, who had been served a no trespass order by the building's management company on Jan. 14, tried to force his way inside Cochran's apartment at 46 Warren Street in downtown Concord in the late morning on Jan. 16.

New Hampshire allows the use of deadly force when a person reasonably believes that another person is likely to use force against another person while committing a burglary or a felony. Investigators found sufficient evidence that Wigglesworth forcibly gained entry into the apartment intending to assault Cochran.

An employee of the building's property management company called 911 at 11:37 a.m. on January 16 to report that Wigglesworth was causing a disturbance. While on the phone with the dispatcher, the maintenance worker said he heard gunshots. When Concord Police arrived, Cochran met officers outside and told them that he had shot Wigglesworth.

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Concord Fire also responded and administered emergency medical treatment, but Wigglesworth died at the scene.

The report describes a friendship between the two men going back about six months before the shooting. Earlier that morning, Cochran gave Wigglesworth a ride to a gas station and bought him candy and snacks but did not allow him inside his apartment.

Wigglesworth later returned to the building and was let inside, where he started beating on Cochran's door before forcing his way into the apartment. The two men fought, and Cochran said that Wigglesworth reached for his gun before he fired twice, shooting Wigglesworth once.

Wigglesworth had previously dated a friend staying at Cochran's apartment that night, and subsequently became "infatuated" with the woman.

Cochran and two other witnesses suggested that Wigglesworth's had mental health issues and that his behavior may have changed because he was hearing voices and seeing things. A toxicology report showed small amounts of fentanyl and methamphetamine in Wigglesworth's body when he died.

