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NEWTON, N.J. — New Jersey State Police Superintendent, Colonel Patrick J. Callahan, Acting Sussex County Prosecutor, Sahil K. Kabse, and Byram Township Chief of Police, Guy M. Mariani have confirmed that on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at approximately 8:00 p.m., law enforcement responded to a residence in Byram Township following a report of a possible domestic violence incident.

Officers from the Byram Township Police Department arrived on scene and attempted to make contact with the occupant. The individual, however, refused to comply and subsequently barricaded himself inside the home. A short time later, a gunshot was heard from within the residence, resulting in officers taking a tactical position while waiting for additional units to arrive. Crisis negotiators from the Byram Township Police Department, officers from neighboring agencies, the Sussex County Prosecutor's Office, and the New Jersey State Police T.E.A.M.S. (Technical Emergency and Mission Specialist) Unit responded to the scene. They established a perimeter and made multiple attempts to communicate with the individual but were unsuccessful.

Ultimately, the New Jersey State Police T.E.A.M.S Unit made entry into the residence, where they discovered the individual deceased from an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound. No other injuries were reported during the incident.

The following additional agencies assisted the Byram Township Police Department during this incident: Stanhope Boro. Police Department, Netcong Boro. Police Department, Hopatcong Boro. Police Department, Andover Twp. Police Department, Roxbury Twp. Police Department, Mt. Olive Twp. Police Department, Newton Police Department and Lakeland Emergency Squad.

The Sussex County Prosecutor's Office, New Jersey State Police Major Crimes Unit, and Byram Township Police Department are conducting the ongoing investigation, but there is no present danger to the public.