

Officer cleared in killing of man with a sword

[The Bethlehem Gadfly](#) [George Floyd killing](#) March 2, 2021

 *Latest in a series of posts in the wake of the George Floyd murder* 

ref: **Loosening up for the Public Safety meeting**

Yesterday, Gadfly said, “He could wonder why there was no follow-up information that he could discover on a **“mentally distressed” man with a sword** killed by an officer in Pennsburg.”

All of a sudden now there are a lot of notices, though none with much detailed info, or the same info.

The reason for the notices is that the D.A. ruled the shooting lawful.

Not all notices mention that the man was mentally distressed or that that was in the original call to police.

Not all mention that there is a video — a video that has not been made public.

Not all mention a 5-second gap between the officer command and the shots.

Not all quote dialogue by the subject.

So it is not possible to adequately judge how the officer responded and if the shooting was necessary and unavoidable.

The D.A. simply based his judgment on the legality of deadly force in a situation in which the officer’s life was in peril.

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