

## REVEALED: Black man, 22, killed by North Carolina police who were executing a controversial 'no-knock' search warrant of his home 'was shot 10 times'

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A black man who was killed by North Carolina police who were executing a 'no-knock' search warrant this past November suffered multiple gunshot wounds.

An autopsy report says that 22-year-old Ferguson Claude Laurent Jr. suffered 10 gunshot wounds.

The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner said Laurent was shot once in the head, five times in the torso, twice in the right upper arm, once in the right forearm, and once in the left wrist and forearm, **The Salisbury Post** reported.

Laurent did not have any drugs or alcohol in his system at the time he was killed, according to the autopsy.

Laurent was shot when officers went to a residence to serve the warrant.

Salisbury Police Chief Jerry Stokes has said Laurent fired once at police officers, and one officer, who has been identified as Karl Boehm, fired two shots in response.

Boehm was placed on restricted duty after the shooting pending an investigation.

A department statement said it doesn't have copies of the autopsy and toxicology results, but expects more details once the State Bureau of Investigation completes its investigation and the district attorney reviews the report.

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Officers said that they recovered illegal drugs and weapons from Laurent's home.

A 'no-knock warrant' is one where law enforcement has the right to enter a suspect's property without any prior notice.

Police say they were searching for drugs and weapons at Laurent's home.

The chief of the Salisbury Police Department said that officers gave Laurent a warning by alerting him to their presence before they entered his home.

Police say that they first used a flash bang in the hallway before Laurent opened fire on them, according to **WSOC-TV**.

In the wake of the November 3 shooting, local members of the community questioned the use of 'no-knock warrants,' according to **The Salisbury Post**.

The Laurent shooting put renewed focus on the controversial practice of 'no-knock' warrants.

Civil liberties advocates have argued that the practice should be stopped because it denies citizens their constitutional rights that protect them from unlawful searches and seizures.

'No-knock' incidents have led to cases where homeowners have opened fire at police because they believed they were targeted for a home invasion.

'The tactic is appropriate in a few limited situations, such as when hostages or fugitives are involved, or where the suspect poses an immediate threat to community safety,' wrote Radley Balko, an analyst with the **Cato Institute**.

'But increasingly, this highly confrontational tactic is being used in less volatile situations, most commonly to serve routine search warrants for illegal drugs.'