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**Witnesses: Man Killed By Officers Never Threatened Police**

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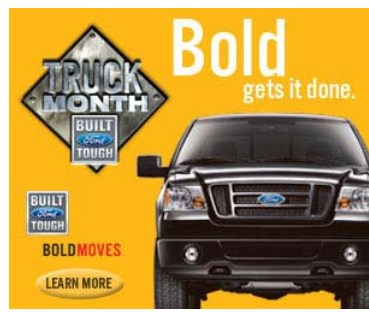
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**WILMINGTON, Del** – Six witnesses said the Virginia man who was shot and killed by a police officer last week never threatened the police.

Derek Hale, 25, was gunned down in the 1400 block of West Sixth Street on Nov. 6. He was given multiple shocks with Taser guns, then was killed by three bullets in his chest.

A contractor working next door, Fred Mixson, said that Hale was not a threat and didn't deserve to be shot. The "News Journal" said four people working with Mixson confirmed his account, but only Mixson was interviewed by authorities.



Hale was a Marine who served tours of duty in Iraq and recently joined the Pagans Motorcycle Club. He was described as a "person of interest" in a drug investigation by the Delaware State Police.

Wilmington police said last week that Hale was shot because an officer feared for the safety of his fellow officers.

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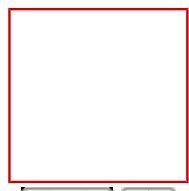
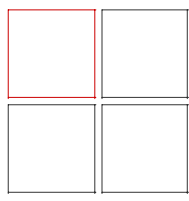
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