

Andy James

From: Jeffrey Lindsey
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 8:58 AM
To: 'WILHELMI, Gregory G.'
Cc: RABIDEAU, Charles L.; Andy James; Terry Sample; Daniel May
Subject: RE: Thompson, Jeremy - AUTOPSY REPORT

Detective Wilhelmi and Sgt. Rabideau,

After receipt and review of the autopsy report on the above individual, the Office of the District Attorney is not issuing any further report of this investigation. The autopsy report provides sufficient detail as to the cause and manner of Thompson's death. The report indicates his death was not caused by the actions of the Fountain Police Department.

As far as we are concerned the autopsy report closes this investigation and this office does not intend to take any further action.

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From: Dawn Miller - Coroner [mailto:dawnmiller@elpasoco.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 1:22 PM
To: WILHELMI, Gregory G.
Subject: Thompson, Jeremy - AUTOPSY REPORT

EL PASO COUNTY CORONER
2741 EAST LAS VEGAS STREET
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80906

NAME: THOMPSON, Jeremy COUNTY: EL PASO
Date of Birth: 02/01/1971 Age: 45 AUTOPSY NO: 16-0426
Sex: M Ht: 70" Wt: 224 lbs. AUTOPSY DATE: 05/18/2016
BEGAN: 8:00 AM
MD: Leon Kelly, M.D. DATE OF DEATH: 05/17/2016
TIME OF DEATH: 11:09 AM
Identified by: Visual

FINAL DIAGNOSIS:

- I. Excited delirium associated with bupropion intoxication:
 - A. History of extreme agitation resulting in physical injury to his mother as well as property before being restrained on the ground by neighbors and law enforcement.
 - B. History and video showing the decedent go unresponsive as he is being handcuffed with restraint force applied to the back of the neck and trunk.
 - C. Lethal bupropion postmortem blood levels.
- II. Atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease:
 - A. Coronary arteries, left circumflex, and right, moderate to severe atherosclerosis.
 - B. Cardiac hypertrophy (440 gm).
- III. Injuries:
 - A. Abrasions and contusions of the head and extremities.
 - B. Contusions of the back.
 - C. Right frontal subcutaneous hemorrhage.
- IV. Hepatic steatosis, moderate.

OPINION: It is my opinion that Jeremy Thompson, a 45-year-old White male, died as a result of excited delirium associated with bupropion intoxication. It is also my opinion that atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease contributed to his death.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident


LEON KELLY, M.D.

LK/gds
June 14, 2016

Andy James

From: Jeffrey Lindsey
Sent: Wednesday, July 06, 2016 9:30 AM
To: Andy James; 'GYSIN, Richard L.'; 'RABIDEAU, Charles L.'
Subject: RE: CORRECTED Erica Klag

From: Jeffrey Lindsey
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Subject: FW: CORRECTED Erica Klag

Detective Gysin and Sgt. Rabideau,

After receipt and review of the autopsy report on the above individual, the Office of the District Attorney is not issuing any further report of this investigation. The autopsy report provides sufficient detail as to the cause and manner of Klagg's death. The report indicates her death was not caused by the actions of the Colorado Springs Police Department or the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

As far as we are concerned the autopsy report closes this investigation and this office does not intend to take any further action.

Terry Sample

Senior Deputy District Atty.
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EL PASO COUNTY CORONER
2741 EAST LAS VEGAS STREET
COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO 80906

NAME: KLAG, Erica

COUNTY: EL PASO

Date of Birth: 07/29/1975

Age: 40

AUTOPSY NO: 16-0457

AUTOPSY DATE: 05/27/2016

Sex: F Ht: 60"

Wt: 186 lbs.

BEGAN: 8:25 AM

MD: Robert C. Bux, M.D.

DATE OF DEATH: 05/26/2016

TIME OF DEATH: 3:40 PM

Identified by: Hospital Personnel

FINAL DIAGNOSIS:

- I. Anoxic encephalopathy due to methamphetamine intoxication:
 - A. Detained as a passenger of a motor vehicle with expired license plates and taken into custody because of outstanding warrant.
 - B. Developed seizure in transport to the Criminal Justice Center and subsequently evaluated medically and cleared.
 - C. Became combative on arrival to the Criminal Justice Center and subsequently stopped breathing.
 - D. Multiple plastic baggies containing unknown substance removed from patrol car that she was transported in and from vagina during medical treatment, and one in oral cavity removed at autopsy.
 - E. Survival in deep coma for less than 24 hours.
 - F. Massive amounts of methamphetamine detected in blood and brain.

OPINION: It is my opinion that Eric Klag, a 40-year-old adult White female, died as a result of anoxic encephalopathy due to a massive methamphetamine overdose resulting in sudden cardiovascular collapse. She survived in a severe coma for less than 24 hours.

MANNER OF DEATH: Accident



ROBERT C. BUX, M.D.

RCB/gds
June 29, 2016



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 5, 2016

Lee Richards
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Officer-Involved Shooting Ruled Justified

The 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office has completed an investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred on June 22, 2016. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 16-2.5-301 Peace Officer-involved shooting investigations – protocol, all officer-involved shootings that result in injury or death shall be reviewed by a neutral agency. The outside participating agency in this incident is the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Following careful review of the facts and evidence surrounding the incident, it has been determined that the officer's use of force against the suspect was reasonable, appropriate and justified.

At approximately 7:21 am, CSPD Communications Center received a 911 call indicating that a male subject was walking in the area of Delta Drive and San Marcos Drive in Southeast Colorado Springs. The caller indicated that the male subject was holding a handgun and carrying a Bud Light beer can. Colorado Springs Police Officers were dispatched in response to this call.

CSPD Officer William Watson encountered this male in a shopping center parking lot located at 2535 Delta Drive and was able to see that the individual had a gun in his hand. This individual was later identified as Josiah Williams. Officer Watson, while using his patrol car for cover, called out to Mr. Williams multiple times ordering him to put his weapon on the ground. This encounter was filmed by a nearby citizen on a cell phone and the video was evaluated in this investigation.

Mr. Williams pointed the weapon several times at the officer and, at one point, appeared to begin to put the weapon on the ground only to again point it directly at Officer Watson. While Officer Watson continued to give verbal commands to drop the weapon, Mr. Williams pointed the weapon in the air and pulled the trigger. The weapon did not fire and Officer Watson took this opportunity to attempt to use a less than lethal use of force by deploying his Taser.

While Officer Watson was deploying his Taser, Mr. Williams performed a "tap-rack" maneuver on his weapon. This is a method of either clearing a malfunction in a firearm or ensuring that a new round is loaded into the chamber and ready to be fired. By this maneuver, Officer Watson was aware that the weapon was now loaded and fully capable of firing. The investigation confirmed that Mr. Williams fired one round at Officer Watson. Officer Watson fired multiple rounds striking Mr. Williams once in the abdomen.

Mr. Williams was treated by medical personnel at the scene who recovered a Taser probe from his hip. He was later pronounced dead at the hospital. After an autopsy was conducted, it was determined that Mr. Williams died from a single gunshot wound and had both alcohol and methamphetamine in his blood. Officer Watson was placed on routine administrative leave following the incident and has returned to duty.

Colorado Revised Statutes §18-1-707 provides that an officer is justified in using deadly force if he or she reasonable believes that it is necessary to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly physical force.

The District Attorney's Office reviews all incidents involving a discharged weapon by an officer. The facts and evidence from this investigation show that CSPD Officer Watson was acting reasonably at the time. Thus, based on the law and the facts, the investigation has determined that the officer was justified under the law of the State of Colorado. No criminal charges will be pursued.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
January 5, 2017
4th Judicial District

Lee Richards
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Officer-involved Shooting Ruled Justified

The Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office has completed an investigation into the officer-involved shooting that occurred in Colorado Springs, CO on September 16th, 2016. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 16-2.5-301 Peace Officer-involved shooting investigations – protocol, all officer-involved shootings that result in injury or death shall be reviewed by a neutral agency. The outside participating agency in this incident is the El Paso County Sheriff's Office. Following careful review of the facts and evidence surrounding the incident, it has been determined that the officer's use of force against the suspect was reasonable, appropriate and justified.

On September 16th, 2016, at 12:44 p.m., law enforcement officers from the Colorado Springs Police Department attempted to apprehend Christopher Liles due to a nationwide extradition warrant. Mr. Liles fled from the police and eventually entered an occupied private residence at gunpoint. When police officers surrounded the home, Mr. Liles stole the keys to the victim's car that was parked in the garage and started the car, then drove it through the garage door where officers were waiting. Fearing that the defendant would either try to escape or go back inside the home and create a hostage situation, Officer Jake Skifstad shot the defendant. Mr. Liles was subsequently apprehended and provided medical treatment. After Mr. Liles recovered from his injuries, he was transported to the El Paso County Jail and charged with several offenses in case 16CR5052. Christopher Liles' next court appearance is scheduled for January 3, 2017. As with all defendants, Mr. Liles is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Colorado Revised Statute 20-1-114 states that the district attorney shall, if no criminal charges are filed following the completion of an investigation pursuant to section 16-2.5-301, C.R.S., release a report and publicly disclose the report explaining the district attorney's findings, including the basis for the decision not to charge the officer with any criminal conduct. This is an abbreviated report because of the open and pending case against Mr. Liles.

Colorado Revised Statutes 18-1-707 provides that an officer is justified in using deadly force if he reasonably believes it necessary to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be imminent use of deadly physical force, or to effect an arrest of a person he reasonably believes has committed or attempted to commit a felony involving the use or threatened use of a deadly weapon, or otherwise indicated that he is likely to endanger human life or to inflict serious bodily injury to another unless apprehended without delay. In addition, Colorado Revised Statutes 18-1-704 provides all citizens with the right to defend others with deadly force if they reasonably believe another is in imminent danger of being killed or receiving great bodily injury and reasonably believe a lesser degree of force is inadequate.

The District Attorney's Office reviews all incidents involving a discharged weapon by an officer. The facts and evidence from this particular investigation demonstrate that Ofc. Jake Skifstad acted reasonably and was justified in defending others from the imminent use of deadly physical force by Christopher Liles and further used reasonable force to effect the arrest of Mr. Liles. Because the officer's actions were justified under Colorado law, no criminal charges will be pursued.

For further information, please contact Lee Richards at 520-6084.



NEWS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
March 30, 2017

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No Charges in October 23, 2016 Officer-Involved Shooting

On October 22, 2016, Demetrius Moore shot and killed his wife, then left the scene of the shooting on Brant Road in Security, Colorado. El Paso County Sheriff's deputies and Colorado Springs Police officers began tracking Moore's location in an effort to apprehend him. They located Demetrius Moore driving a stolen Buick Rendezvous in Colorado Springs, Colorado and performed a blocking traffic intervention maneuver on his vehicle at the intersection of Union and Boulder Streets. Moore fired a .45 caliber handgun through the windshield of the Buick at officers. EPSO Deputies Jeremy Juhl and Chris Donatell returned fire, striking the suspect. Moore was lying across the passenger seat of the vehicle and appeared to be incapacitated. CSPD tactical personnel approached the Buick on foot in order to detain and arrest him. When they reached the vehicle, Moore suddenly sat up from his previously prone position with his arms displayed in a manner that led officers to believe he intended to fire his gun towards them. Officer Newell fired downward and into the vehicle at the suspect and retreated. Subsequently, officers deployed a Bearcat armored vehicle to the scene and fired two gas rounds into the Buick. Moore was removed from the vehicle and determined to be deceased.

Moore's .45 caliber handgun, which was recovered from the vehicle, was also determined to be the gun used in the murder of his wife earlier that evening. The locations of expended projectiles and casings from the shooting officers' firearms are consistent with the officers' description of events.

It was later learned through interviews that Mr. Moore had previously expressed his intent to engage in a shoot-out with the police on multiple occasions.

Autopsy results reveal that suspect Moore died as a result of gunshot wounds.

Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statutes 20-1-114, The District Attorney's Office shall review all incidents involving a discharged weapon by an officer, and release a report explaining the District Attorney's findings. Colorado Revised Statutes 18-1-707 provides that an officer is justified in using deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that it is necessary to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly physical force. In addition, Colorado Revised Statutes 18-1-704 provides all citizens with the right to defend themselves with deadly force if they reasonably believe they are in imminent danger of being killed or of receiving great bodily injury and reasonably believe a lesser degree of force is inadequate. Under either standard, Colorado law allows an individual to act based on their subjective reasonable belief. Following careful review of the

facts and evidence surrounding the incident, it has been determined that the officers' use of deadly force against the suspect was reasonable and justified.