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### PRESS RELEASE

#### NO CRIMINAL CHARGES IN HENRY ROAD SHOOTING

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Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today:

The Napa County District Attorney's Office has completed a full review of the officer involved shooting that took place on February 17, 2019 on Henry Road in Browns Valley in the County of Napa. This review followed the investigation by the Napa County Sheriff's Office. The sole purpose of our examination was to determine if there is any criminal liability on behalf of any member of law enforcement. We find no criminal liability in these circumstances.

On February 17, 2019 at 10:45 pm, Javier Morales was parked in a car on Henry Road in an agricultural area of Napa County. He had warrants for his arrest, was subject to removal from the United States, used and possessed methamphetamine, and was in possession of firearms. Deputy Riley Jarecki was doing her job, patrolling the area, looking for stolen cars, winery burglars and motorists that needed assistance. She contacted Mr. Morales who exhibited suspicious behavior and handed her fake identification. Deputy Jarecki asked if she could search his car and Mr. Morales agreed. She walked to the driver's side of the car and was ambushed by Mr. Morales. He attempted to murder the deputy by firing a stolen Ruger model New Bearcat .22LR revolver directly at her head and torso. Fearing for her life, Deputy Jarecki backed away and returned fire, killing Mr. Morales.

The use of deadly force by Deputy Jarecki was a reasonable and lawful response under the totality of the circumstances. Therefore, the actions were legally justified and criminal charges against her are neither warranted nor supported by the evidence. This decision is complete and final.

The review by the District Attorney's Office is summarized in a comprehensive report being released today and is available on our website at <https://www.countyofnapa.org/1330/Documents>. The public deserves full transparency as how and why our office reaches a decision in an officer involved shooting.