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PRESS RELEASE

NO CRIMINAL CHARGES IN BUENO STREET OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

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 April 4, 2017 in the area of Bueno Street in the City and County of Napa. This review followed the investigation by the Napa County District Attorney's Office and invocation of the Napa County Major Crimes Investigation Team Protocol. The sole purpose of our examination was to determine if there is any criminal liability on behalf of any members of law enforcement. We find no criminal liability in these circumstances.

On April 4, 2017, Stephen Connard Ferry consumed a large quantity of alcohol, threatened to kill several people near his home on Bueno Street and physically attacked a female witness. Several Good Samaritan neighbors came out to intervene and protect the woman. Mr. Ferry responded by retrieving a pistol from his home and shooting, at close range, at 4-5 neighbors who ran for their lives. They made urgent 911 calls for help. Napa Police Department Officers and two Napa Sheriff's Office deputies responded immediately. Law enforcement set up a perimeter to protect the highly populated residential neighborhood and nearby West Park Elementary School. Mr. Ferry exited his garage in his car with an open window, traveling slowly, ignoring commands to stop, and shot 2-3 rounds directly at one police officer and continued to fire directly at another police officer. NPD Sgt. Cole, Det. Deguilio and Off. Moore returned fire. Mr. Ferry crashed his car in to a tree and officers surrounded his vehicle. Again, Mr. Ferry ignored commands to put his hands up or out the window of the car. Instead, he fired a revolver out the driver's side window at the surrounding law enforcement officers. The officers returned fire, using deadly force on Mr. Ferry.

The use of deadly force by NPD Sgt. Cole, Det. Deguilio, Det. Piersig, Cpl. Sedgley, Off. Wade, Off. Davis, Off. Moore, Off. Koford, Off. Hansen, Off. Kistner, Off. Stalker, and NSO Sgt. Eddleman and Dep. Macomber was a reasonable and lawful response under the totality of the circumstances. Therefore, the actions were legally justified and criminal charges against them 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 www.countyofnapa.org/1335/Media-Center. The public deserves full transparency as how and why our office reaches a decision in an officer involved shooting. Any questions regarding this case may be directed to Assistant District Attorney Paul Gero.