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Subject: Non-fatal police shooting of Castle Ahlbeck

Rick Dusterhoft and John Kelly,

I just finished my final review of your memorandum in the non-fatal police shooting of Castle Ahlbeck that occurred in Anoka County. I agree with the recommendation that criminal charges are not warranted and that this use of force was justified pursuant to our Minnesota Statute that authorizes the use of deadly force, and the law articulated by the Unites States Supreme Court in Graham v. Connor. I would further stress that this responding officer (Officer Platz) was chasing a suspected shooter of another person; reasonably believed that his life and others were in danger; and that Mr. Ahlbeck was fleeing apprehension in an aggressive manner, which if not stopped, would have further endangered others who would try to stop him or might have gotten in his way. There is no credible evidence to the contrary.

Please communicate this decision to Officer Platz and the Chief of the Coon Rapids Police Department. Please follow normal protocols to release public information and inform Mr. Ahlbeck and the public of our decision. Thank you for your time and attention to the review of this investigation. Please also express my gratitude to the BCA investigators for their hard work on this investigation.

JJC