

Gerhardstein, Dennis

From: Choi, John
Sent: Friday, February 07, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Kelly, John; Dusterhoft, Richard
Cc: Gerhardstein, Dennis
Subject: In re: Death of Ronald Kerry Davis

Dear John and Rick,

I have completed my review of your Memorandum dated February 1, 2020 to me in the above referenced matter. I agree with your conclusion that the use of deadly force by Officer Steven Mattson was justified in the death of Ronald Kerry Davis, which occurred on September 15, 2019.

While the video, on its face, would certainly suggest that Officer Mattson's use of deadly was necessary to protect himself from a deadly threat, I appreciate the time and diligence that both of you took to review the BCA investigation and the obvious effort to write up a thorough and detailed summary so that this incident can be documented and provided to the public for review. I hope that the public will recognize that peace officers are asked to respond to difficult and dangerous encounters with members of the public, and that deadly force is the only option in a circumstance like the one presented to Officer Mattson on September 15th.

Please work with the BCA to coordinate the public release of the entire investigative file, with appropriate redactions, concurrent with the public release of this decision. Please also inform the family of Ronald Kerry Davis, Chief Todd Axtell, and officer Mattson of our decision before it is released to the public. Please let Mr. Davis' family know I am willing to meet with them to further explain our decision if they wish to do so. Also, please express my gratitude to the BCA agents who worked on investigating this shooting incident. Thank you.

John Choi