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Press Release

Andrew Gallegos Death Investigation

On September 25, 2018, a 54-year-old woman was admitted to a local hospital with stab wounds to her neck and back. Witnesses stated the woman had been attacked by a man named Andrew Gallegos and a 29-year-old male stabbed Mr. Gallegos to defend the woman and prevent further injury to her. Longmont police and emergency personnel responded to Mr. Gallegos's home and found him to have sustained severe injuries. Mr. Gallegos, a 56-year-old Longmont resident, later died at the hospital.

Longmont police conducted an extensive investigation into Mr. Gallegos's death and whether the 29-year-old had in fact acted in defense of the woman. The investigation included witness interviews, a thorough inspection of the crime scene, DNA testing at the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, review of video surveillance, analysis of medical records, and examination of phone records. The 29-year-old cooperated with this investigation. Crime scene analysis and DNA testing corroborated his and other witnesses' statements.

Based on their investigation, Longmont police concluded that Mr. Gallegos stabbed the 54-year-old woman multiple times during an argument. The 29-year-old male intervened to protect the woman and, in doing so, fatally wounded Mr. Gallegos. The Longmont Police Department determined that the 29-year-old's actions were reasonable and justified under the circumstances. The Boulder District Attorney's Office, after a complete review of the entire investigation, agreed. Thus, no charges will be filed against the 29-year-old male for his role in Mr. Gallegos's death.

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