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Longmont Officer Involved Shooting – Grand Jury Report

On December 31, 2018, Longmont Police Officer Michael Kimbley discharged his firearm while on duty and responding to a call for service of an individual, 34-year-old Jesus Ramos. Mr. Ramos had reported a failed suicide attempt with a firearm. Jesus Ramos died from the single .223 caliber gunshot wound to the lower-left back. The incident took place at 2211 Pratt Street, Longmont, Boulder County, Colorado at approximately 4:20 a.m.

In accordance with statute and protocol, the Boulder County Investigation Team, consisting of experienced multi-agency personnel, responded to investigate this officer-involved fatality. The investigative findings were later provided to the District Attorney's Office. The District Attorney's Office reviewed the investigation in its entirety, as well as the applicable law. The District Attorney is responsible for determining whether the shooting was legally justified or not; the District Attorney can release a letter detailing his findings if the shooting is legally justified.

Due to the nature and circumstances of Mr. Ramos' death, the District Attorney requested a Grand Jury review all pertinent facts and conduct additional investigation. The District Attorney's decision to submit the case to the Grand Jury was publicly announced, as required by statute, at the end of April 2019.

The Grand Jury considered the testimony, the photographic evidence, the audio and video evidence, and Officer Kimbley's statements concerning his belief that Mr. Ramos presented an imminent threat to himself, other officers on scene, and residents of the apartment buildings.

The Grand Jury concluded that Mr. Ramos made repeated threats to kill police officers, civilians and himself. Ultimately, the Grand Jury returned a "No True Bill" to the possible charge of Murder in the Second Degree based on the totality of the circumstances and the applicable affirmative defenses. The Grand Jury unanimously requested the issuance of a Grand Jury Report, due to the nature and circumstances involved. The Grand Jury Report includes their findings and concerns about this officer-involved shooting death.

In addition to the written report, the Grand Jury also authorized the release of a photograph of the scene, the 911 call, dispatch radio traffic audio, body-worn camera footage, cell phone video, and surveillance videos. On September 23, 2019, the Chief Judge signed an Order authorizing the release of the Grand Jury Report to the public.

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, “These investigations are among the most important and serious – for Mr. Ramos, the officers, their family members, and our community. It is vital that we reach the right result. Law enforcement officers have an incredibly difficult job and often must make split-second decisions to keep the community safe. However, due to the impact on human life, the accuracy of those decisions is critical, as is the community’s trust in police officers. Given the circumstances involved in this case, I made the decision to present the investigation to the Grand Jury. I commend the grand jurors for their dedication and hard work over the past several months. Based on the evidence and the rules of law in Colorado, the Grand Jury reached the right conclusions.”

On September 24, 2019, prior to issuing this release, the District Attorney’s Office again met with the father of Mr. Ramos and communicated the findings of the Grand Jury to him.

The report and exhibits can be found here:

<https://www.bouldercounty.org/district-attorney/grand-jury-report-page/>

Please contact Shannon Carbone if you have media inquiries or questions for the District Attorney.