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Harold Medina, Chief of Police
C/O Internal Affairs Unit
Albuquerque Police Department
400 Roma NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: APD Case #21-0017967, IAFD Case #C2021-000125

Dear Chief Medina,

My review of this case included:

- Computer Aided Dispatch Reports
- APD Field Reports
- IAFD Investigation Reports
- IAPS Investigation Reports
- Multi-Agency Task Force Reports
- On Body Recording Device Videos
- APD Policy 2-52 Use of Force
- FRB slideshow

Please note that this is an older case and that the Force Review Board presentation would have happened before I joined CPOA.

My review of the evidence shows that on March 7, 2021, Officer #1 conducted a traffic stop of the subject, Mr. G. Mr. G produced an ID for a Samuel Hodder. Officer #1 noticed that the photograph on the license did not appear to match the person he was interacting with.

When Officer #1 received confirmation that Samuel Hodder had reported both his driver's license and his concealed carry permit had been stolen, he opened the driver's side door of the vehicle and instructed Mr. G to exit the vehicle. When Mr. G put his keys back into the ignition and restarted the vehicle, Officer #1 reached into the vehicle in an apparent attempt to turn the vehicle back off.

Mr. G pulled away from the scene of the stop. Officer #1 fired multiple shots after the fleeing vehicle.

Mr. G was struck once, but survived his injury.

Finding: The CPOA finds that the use of force in this matter (the shots fired by Officer #1) were, by a preponderance of the evidence, **outside of policy**.

Sincerely,

Deirdre Ewing

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Executive Director
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