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February 12, 2021

Harold Medina, Interim Chief of Police  
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Albuquerque Police Department  
400 Roma NW  
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**RE: APD Case # 20-0004251, IAFD Case # C2020-000015**

Dear Interim Chief Medina:

My review of this case included:

- Computer Aided Dispatch Reports
- APD Field Services Reports
- Internal Affairs Reports
  - Officer Interviews
- Internal Affairs Force Division Reports
  - Command Review
- On Body Recording Device Videos
- APD Policy 2-23 Use of Canine, APD Procedural Order 6-9 K9 Unit

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My review of the evidence shows on January 14, 2020 the victim Mr. M. was a barricaded subject. Officer's used public address announcements, and chemical munitions, to gain Mr. M's compliance. He failed to comply with officer's directions. Officer 1 deployed his K9 to search the business. Officers heard noises coming from the ceiling. Officers then observed a hole in the wall leading to an adjacent business. A tactical activation was ordered.

Public address announcements continued, use of chemical munitions, and noise flash diversions devices were deployed. Officer 1 deployed his K9. The K9 made contact with M.'s left hand and he was taken into custody. He was medically evaluated on scene, then transported for processing.

**Finding:** The CPOA finds Officer 1's conduct "**Exonerated,**" regarding the allegation of a violation of this SOP, which means the investigation determined, by preponderance of the evidence that the alleged conduct did occur but did not violate APD policies, procedures, or training.

Sincerely,

/s/Edward Harness  
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