

# CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE



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February 12, 2021

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

**RE: APD Case # 20-0010100, IAFD Case # C2020-000058**

Dear Interim Chief Medina:

My review of this case included:

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- 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 2-52 Use of Force

My review of the evidence shows on February 1, 2020 the victim, Ms. N., was contacted by officers of the Albuquerque Police Department because she stated she was overdosing and threatening business staff with a knife. Officer 1 arrived on scene, Ms. N was walking on the median still armed with a knife. More officers arrived. Ms. N was warned to drop the knife or she would be tased. Ms. N dropped the knife and was placed under arrest. After handcuffing Ms. N. began to resist., at that point Officer 1 took Ms. N. to the ground, while handcuffed.

**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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