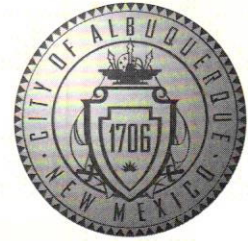


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February 2, 2021

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Albuquerque Police Department  
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**RE: APD Case # 19-0075407, IAFD Case # C2019-000070**

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 2-23 Use of Canine, APD Procedural Order 6-9 K9 Unit

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My review of the evidence shows on August 16, 2019 the victim "Dante" was a barricaded subject. APD SWAT activation was called. Officer's used public address announcements, and chemical munitions, to gain Dante's compliance. As he exited the dwelling, he failed to comply with officer's directions. He began to walk away, it appeared to avoid arrest. Officer 1 deployed his K9 to apprehend Dante. The K9 made contact with Dante's arm 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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