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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 # 20-0011970, IAFD Case # C2020-000071

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 February 6, 2020 the victim Ms. N. was an armed barricaded subject. APD SWAT activation was called. Officer's used public address announcements, chemical munitions, and noise flash diversionary devices to gain Ms. N's compliance. As he exited the dwelling, she failed to comply with officer's directions. She began to walk away, it appeared to avoid arrest. Officer 1 deployed his K9 to apprehend Ms. N. The K9 made contact with Ms. N.'s left flank and she was taken into custody. She 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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