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July 8, 2021

Harold Medina, Chief of Police  
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**RE: APD Case # 19-0080914, IAFD Case # C2019-000076**

Dear 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
- Attendance Force Review Board briefing April 9, 2020

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My review of the evidence shows on September 2, 2019 the victim Mr. G. was suspected of Aggravated Assault. Officers arrived and observed, Mr. G armed with a machete standing aside a van. Officers attempted to gain his compliance and place him under arrest. He did not comply instead barricading himself in the van, with the machete. A tactical activation was authorized.

During the tactical activation Mr. G refused to speak with the CNT officer. Tactical officers deployed chemical weapons, and noise flash diversion devices to gain Mr. G.'s compliance.

After hours attempting to gain the compliance of Mr. G's. compliance, officers used a K9 to arrest Mr. G through the open van door.

**Finding:** The CPOA finds Officer I'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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