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Harold Medina, Chief of Police
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Albuquerque Police Department
400 Roma NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: APD Case # 20-0063885, IAFD Case # C2020-0605

Dear 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

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My review of the evidence shows on August 11, 2020 the victim, Mr. R was suspected of trying to purchase goods with counterfeit currency and retail theft. Officer #1 was dispatched to investigate and found Mr. R. at an adjacent business. Officer #1 had reasonable suspicion to detain Mr. R. and complete his investigation. Mr. R was advised he was not free to leave and placed in handcuffs. While exiting the business Mr. R began to resist. Officer #1 took Mr. R. to the ground while he was 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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