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Harold Medina, Chief of Police
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RE: APD Case # 19-0056389, IAFD Case # C2019-000052

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 June 20, 2019 the victim Ms. M. was suspected of Aggravated Assault of a Household Member and False Imprisonment. Officers arrived and spoke with, Ms. M. Officers attempted to gain her compliance and place her under arrest. She did not comply instead barricading himself in the residence. A tactical activation was authorized.

During the tactical activation Ms. M. advised CNT that she wanted officers to kill her. Tactical officers deployed chemical weapons, and noise flash diversion devices to gain Ms. M.'s compliance.

After hours attempting to gain the compliance of Ms. M. officers gained entry to the residence and utilized a K9 to make the arrest.

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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