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Rick Dusterhoft and John Kelly,

Thank you both for your review of the BCA investigation involving the police-involved shooting that resulted in the death of Darren Jahnke. As we discussed yesterday, I agree with your recommendation that the use of deadly force in this case was necessary and justified pursuant to law.

Deputy Lisa Daly was fighting for her life after she was tackled to the ground by Darren Jahnke. Physical evidence including visible injuries to Deputy Daly's body, a damaged and separated holster, and DNA evidence found on the gun all corroborate the statements given by eyewitness statements. Based upon his training and the situation at hand, Deputy Andre Rongitsch had no other course of action other than to fire his weapon, which he did as a last resort to stop the immediate threat that was posed to Deputy Daly. No officer wants to be in the situation that confronted Deputy Rongitsch where the use of deadly force is necessary. We do not say out loud or publically recognize enough the impact that these use of force encounters have on the men and women who are involved in these dangerous situations. I am saddened about the trauma that likely still endures for all of the deputies who were put in this dangerous situation and for the surviving family members of Darren Jahnke.

I informed Sheriff Jack Serier of our decision last night. Please communicate this decision to all of the deputies involved in this encounter and the family of Darren Jahnke about my feelings about this case as we discussed. Please follow normal protocols to release public information and inform the public of our decision. Thank you for your time and attention to the review of this investigation. Please also express my gratitude to the BCA investigators for their work on this investigation.

JJC