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Re: Sled Case File 34-20-0087

Agent Collins:

I am writing in reference to the above case file regarding your investigation into the officer involved shooting of Trevor B. Mullinax. I have reviewed the file containing your investigation and conclude that the use of force by the officers involved, Deputy Daniel Taggart, Deputy Michael Griffin, Deputy Gary Pence and Deputy Brian Whitesides was appropriate given the nature of the threat they faced. The officers were dispatched to take Mr. Mullinax into custody pursuant to a warrant issued in the City of York for his arrest. In addition, they had been alerted that he was possibly suicidal and armed. Upon arriving at the location where Mr. Mullinax was sitting in his truck they approached him. A woman later identified as his mother was standing near the truck apparently talking to Mr. Mullinax. As they approached his truck, Mr. Mullinax retrieved a shotgun from the rear seat of the truck and presented it or pointed it at the officers. The officers justifiably believed that Mr. Mullinax posed a threat to their lives and possibly the life of the woman standing near his vehicle door. Based on this reasonable assessment of the threat, they opened fire with their service weapons in self-defense. Mr. Mullinax has been charged with pointing and presenting a firearm based on his actions that day. These are the only charges which should issue as a result of this incident.

Should you have any questions or develop any additional information you feel I should consider please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kevin S. Brackett
Solicitor, 16th Judicial Circuit