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OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Officer Involved fatal Shooting Of Roger Allen On April 7, 2021

The San Mateo County District Attorney's Office has completed its investigation into the fatal shooting of Roger Corneilous Allen by Officer Cameron Newton on April 7, 2021 in Daly City and has determined that the use of force was legally justified and no criminal charges will be filed. Mr. Allen was shot during a confrontation with Daly City Police Lieutenant Michael Brennan and Officers Newton and Nicholas McCarthy in front of 750 Niantic Avenue in Daly City. After a thorough investigation by Inspector Eric Suzuki and other inspectors with the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Stephen M. Wagstaffe has concluded that while this is a tragic incident, there is no legal basis for filing criminal charges against Officer Newton. District Attorney Wagstaffe has concluded that the use of force by Officer Newton was legally justifiable self-defense and defense of others pursuant to California Penal Code section 835a and section 196. Therefore, this case is now deemed closed by this office.

The letter written by District Attorney Wagstaffe to Daly City Acting Police Chief John Gamez setting forth the basis for the decision declining to file criminal charges in this case is attached to this e-mail press release.

In accord with our standard practice, our complete investigative report, other than materials which are legally protected and not subject to disclosure, will be made available for public inspection. Anyone seeking to read all or part of the reports should contact Chief Inspector William Massey of the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigations at bmassey@smcgov.org or (650) 363-4883.