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June 17, 2020

Chief Mike Peters  
Springdale Police Department  
201 Spring Street  
Springdale, AR 72764

RE: Officer Involved Shooting

Dear Chief Peters:

I have reviewed the report from the Washington County Sheriff's Office investigation into the May 28, 2020, shooting involving Officer Miguel Hernandez. Based on my review of the materials in the report, I have determined that, pursuant to A.C.A. §§5-2-607 and 5-2-610(b), Officer Hernandez was justified in employing deadly physical force. His actions do not warrant a criminal charge.

Officer Hernandez was responding to a 911 call in reference to an armed person, later identified as Sina Doctor. Numerous times throughout the call, the individual who placed the call made reference to a female with a shotgun and multiple times implored officers to get there before she killed somebody. Officer Hernandez's MVR shows him arrive and park on the edge of the property. As he gets out, Ms. Doctor can be seen walking in the yard and pointing a long gun directly at Officer Hernandez. It was at this point that Hernandez fired multiple shots, hitting her twice.

Based on all of the information, it is clear the Ms. Doctor posed a danger to Officer Hernandez and others. Any reasonable individual in the situation Office Hernandez faced would have felt that he or she was in imminent danger of death or serious physical injury. In my opinion, he had no alternative but to employ deadly physical force. Therefore, our investigation into Officer Hernandez's actions is closed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Durrett".

Matt Durrett  
District Prosecutor