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Detective Kelly Day
Ada County Sheriff's Department
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RE: Officer Involved Shooting – Reyes, Guadalupe, [REDACTED], DR 2024-009954

Dear Det. Day,

This office has reviewed the reports and videos of the incident involving the critical incident regarding Guadalupe Reyes on November 10, 2024. Based on that information, the pertinent facts in this case are as follows:

On November 10, 2024, dispatch received a call that Reyes was in his apartment and making threats to kill his neighbor. Additional information was given to officers that Reyes was recently released from the hospital after a suicide threat, pouring gasoline over his head and lighting himself on fire. In addition, they were told that Reyes was holding his neighbor hostage in his apartment, threatening to kill him, and had already stabbed him. Officers arrived at [REDACTED]. Phone calls to Reyes, as well as attempts to contact him through a public address system were unsuccessful. After hearing commotion in the apartment, the door opened and a male with a blood wound exited. Unsure if this was the victim or suspect, officers detained him just outside the apartment threshold. BPD Officer Strodbeck was at the threshold as well. Strodbeck opened the door and announced, "Boise Police. Anyone call out to me and make yourself known." He then immediately followed with, "Don't move" and began falling backward as Reyes approached him in the doorway wielding a knife. Strodbeck fired on Reyes, who fell outside the apartment on the landing. Life-saving measures were provided but ultimately unsuccessful.

Idaho Codes 19-202A and 18-4011 both apply to this situation. Applying the facts of this case to those statutes, Strodbeck was justified in his action and Idaho law would not allow the criminal prosecution of Strodbeck. As Reyes had recently been suicidal and just held a man hostage and apparently stabbed him, Strodbeck rightly felt that he was in danger when Reyes ignored his commands and approached him at the threshold with his knife wielded. It is this office's opinion that no criminal charges shall be filed.

Please contact this office if you have questions regarding this decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Erick B. Thomsen', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Erick B. Thomsen
Gem County Prosecuting Attorney