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DATE: April 21, 2017
TO: Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff, Orange County, Florida
FROM: Harold V. Bennett, Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney
RE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement Case # OR-27-0252
Use of Force Review

At the direction of Chief Assistant State Attorney Deborah Barra, I have completed a thorough review of the investigation into the death of Ms. Deresha Armstrong. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement's investigation, Case Number OR-27-0252, thoroughly memorializes the events from May 5, 2016, when Orange County Sheriff's Office Deputy Vernon Brown discharged his agency issued firearm, utilizing deadly force, and mortally wounding Ms. Armstrong. Given the totality of the circumstances, it is my opinion Deputy Brown's actions were in response to what he reasonably perceived to be a deadly threat. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed by this office.

Sincerely,

Harold V. Bennett

Deputy Chief Assistant State Attorney

Cc: Danny Banks, Special Agent in Charge
Florida Department of Law Enforcement,
Orlando

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