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DATE: April 9, 2018  
TO: Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff, Orange County, Florida  
FROM: Deborah Barra, Chief Assistant State Attorney  
RE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement Investigative Case OR-27-0285  
Use of Force Review regarding Orange County Deputy Sheriff Christopher Marcus

I have completed a review of the investigation into the use of deadly force by Orange County Deputy Sheriff Christopher Marcus. The incident occurred within the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida on February 28, 2017. Based upon the sworn statements of the people present and the physical evidence found at the crime scenes, the following facts have been established.

On the date mentioned, Deputy Marcus was assigned to assist in the apprehension of Christopher Redding Jr. who had an active felony warrant. At the time, Mr. Redding had previously been convicted of armed robbery and was known to carry two firearms.

Deputy Marcus, along with other members of his law enforcement team, watched Mr. Redding enter the passenger side of a vehicle. Civilian witness Toni Cameron (Mr. Redding's girlfriend), got into the front driver's side of the vehicle. Mr. Redding had two small children with him and was placing them into the backseat when Deputy Marcus and other members of his law enforcement team advanced towards him. All members of the law enforcement team wore vests that visibly stated Sheriff's Office, red and blue lights on their vehicles were activated and several law enforcement officers verbally stated they were from the Sheriff's Office.

Upon seeing the police, Mr. Redding reached into a backpack and retrieved a firearm. Mr. Redding ignored numerous commands to display his hands and instead shot his firearm, striking Orange County Sergeant Richard Stelter. Deputy Marcus, along with other members of his team,

returned fire towards Mr. Redding. Deputy Marcus then positioned himself as cover for Sgt. Stelter and continued to exchange gunfire with Mr. Redding until Mr. Redding was no longer a direct threat to himself and Sgt. Stelter. Deputy Marcus then rendered aid to Sgt. Stelter who had sustained injuries because of being shot by Mr. Redding.

Given the totality of the circumstances, it is my opinion the actions of Deputy Marcus were in response to what he reasonably believed to be a deadly threat. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed by this office pertaining to the actions of Deputy Christopher Marcus.

Sincerely,

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Use of Force Review regarding Orange County Deputy Sheriff John Leone

I have completed a review of the investigation into the use of deadly force by Orange County Deputy Sheriff John Leone. The incident occurred within the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida on February 28, 2017. Based upon the sworn statements of the people present and the physical evidence found at the crime scenes, the following facts have been established.

On the date mentioned, Deputy Leone was assigned to assist in the apprehension of Christopher Redding Jr. who had an active felony warrant. At the time, Mr. Redding had previously been convicted of armed robbery and was known to carry two firearms.

Deputy Leone, along with other members of his law enforcement team, watched Mr. Redding enter the passenger side of a vehicle. Civilian witness Toni Cameron (Mr. Redding's girlfriend), got into the front driver's side of the vehicle. Mr. Redding had two small children with him and was placing them into the backseat when Deputy Leone and other members of his law enforcement team advanced towards him. All members of the law enforcement team wore vests that visibly stated Sheriff's Office, red and blue lights on their vehicles were activated and several law enforcement officers verbally stated they were from the Sheriff's Office.

Upon seeing the police, Mr. Redding reached into a backpack and retrieved a firearm. Despite numerous commands to put up his hands, Mr. Redding fired his firearm, striking Orange

County Sgt. Richard Stelter. Deputy Leone, along with other members of his team, returned fire towards Mr. Redding. As a result, Mr. Redding was struck by several projectiles from members of the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

Given the totality of the circumstances, it is my opinion the actions of Deputy John Leone were in response to what he believed to be a deadly threat. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed by this office pertaining to the actions of Deputy John Leone.

Sincerely,



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Use of Force Review regarding Orange County Deputy Sheriff Javier Alvaro

I have completed a review of the investigation into the use of deadly force by Orange County Deputy Sheriff Javier Alvaro. The incident occurred within the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida on February 28, 2017. Based upon the sworn statements of the people present and the physical evidence found at the crime scenes, the following facts have been established.

On the date mentioned, Deputy Alvaro was assigned to assist in the apprehension of Christopher Redding Jr. who had an active felony warrant. At the time, Mr. Redding had previously been convicted of armed robbery and was known to carry two firearms.

Deputy Alvaro, along with other members of his law enforcement team, watched Mr. Redding enter the passenger side of a vehicle. Civilian witness Toni Cameron (Mr. Redding's girlfriend), got into the front driver's side of the vehicle. Mr. Redding had two small children with him and was placing them into the backseat when Deputy Alvaro and other members of his law enforcement team advanced towards him. All members of the law enforcement team wore vests that visibly stated Sheriff's Office, red and blue lights on their vehicles were activated and several law enforcement officers verbally stated they were from the Sheriff's Office.

Upon seeing the police, Mr. Redding reached into a backpack and retrieved a firearm. Mr. Redding ignored numerous commands to display his hands and instead shot his firearm, striking Orange County Sergeant Richard Stelter. Mr. Redding then shot his firearm at Deputy Alvaro. Deputy Alvaro, along with other members of his team, returned fire towards Mr. Redding.

Given the totality of the circumstances, it is my opinion the actions of Deputy Alvaro were in response to what he reasonably believed to be a deadly threat. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed by this office pertaining to the actions of Deputy Javier Alvaro.

Sincerely,

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Use of Force Review regarding Orange County Sheriff Deputy Jason Popovich

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I have completed a review of the investigation into the use of deadly force by Orange County Deputy Sheriff Jason Popovich. The incident occurred within the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida on February 28, 2017. Based upon the sworn statements of the people present and the physical evidence found at the crime scenes, the following facts have been established.

On the date mentioned, Deputy Popovich was assigned to assist in the apprehension of Christopher Redding Jr. who had an active felony warrant. At the time, Mr. Redding had previously been convicted of armed robbery and was known to carry two firearms.

As Deputy Popovich exited his vehicle he heard and saw Mr. Redding shooting in the direction of the other members of his law enforcement team. Deputy Popovich then engaged Mr. Redding and gunfire was exchanged between the two of them.

Deputy Popovich pursued Mr. Redding as he fled on foot through the apartment complex parking lot. Mr. Redding slowed and eventually stumbled to the pavement, having been shot. Deputy Popovich and Deputy John Leone approached Mr. Redding to secure him in handcuffs. However, due to the amount of blood Mr. Redding had on his arms and wrists, both deputies decided to wait for assisting units to arrive on scene with gloves prior to placing Mr. Redding in handcuffs.

As responding deputies approached with handcuffs and gloves, Mr. Redding ignored

verbal commands to stop moving given by both Deputy Popovich and Deputy Leone. Mr. Redding suddenly jerked his left hand/arm in an attempt to bring it underneath his body. Fearing Mr. Redding was reaching for a firearm, Deputy Popovich discharged his weapon twice, striking and killing Mr. Redding.

Given the totality of the circumstances, it is my opinion the actions of Deputy Popovich were in response to what he reasonably believed to be a deadly threat. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed by this office pertaining to the actions of Deputy Popovich.

Sincerely,

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