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DATE: July 27, 2017

TO: Jerry L. Demings, Sheriff, Orange County, Florida

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FROM: Deborah Barra, Chief Assistant State Attorney

Office of the Sheriff

RE: Florida Department of Law Enforcement Investigative Case # OR-27-0290
Use of Force Review

I have completed a thorough review of the investigation into a use of deadly force by Orange County Sheriff's Office Deputy Gabriel Ortiz. The incident occurred within the Ninth Judicial Circuit of Florida on April 10, 2017. It is clear Deputy Ortiz discharged his agency issued firearm towards a male suspect who was on top of and in the act of stabbing a female. As a result, the subject was struck by projectiles discharged by Deputy Ortiz. Given the totality of the circumstances, it is my opinion Deputy Ortiz's actions were in response to what he reasonably believed to be an attempted murder of the female. Therefore, no criminal charges will be filed by this office pertaining to Deputy Ortiz.

Sincerely,


Deborah Barra

Chief Assistant State Attorney

Cc: Danny Banks, Special Agent in Charge
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