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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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Date: February 18, 2015  
Contact: Terasina White • [twhite@co.weld.co.us](mailto:twhite@co.weld.co.us) • 970.356.4010 ext. 4729  
Re: Officer Involved Shooting on January 4, 2015

### **Officers cleared in shooting of Michael Ray Rodriguez**

Greeley, CO – The Weld County District Attorney’s Office has completed its review of the January 4, 2015 shooting death of Michael Ray Rodriguez (DOB: 05/24/1975). No criminal wrongdoing by the officers involved was found to have occurred.

Officers responded to Paradise Billiards located at 818 31<sup>st</sup> Street in Evans, Colorado on a report of a man armed with a gun threatening bar patrons and assaulting his girlfriend. According to the investigation, when Mr. Rodriguez was confronted by police officers, he pointed what appeared to be a handgun at the officers and refused to comply with officer commands to drop the weapon. One officer from the Evans Police Department and one from the LaSalle Police Department fired a total of eleven (11) shots at Mr. Rodriguez, who was struck four (4) times. Mr. Rodriguez later died from his injuries. It was determined during the investigation that the weapon brandished by Mr. Rodriguez was a Hilti brand nail gun.

District Attorney Michael Rourke deemed the officers’ actions justified and declined to file criminal charges “because they reasonably believed it was necessary to defend themselves and others from Mr. Rodriguez’s threatened use of deadly physical force.”

The complete report is posted on the Weld County District Attorney’s Website, [www.weldda.com](http://www.weldda.com).

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