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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: Officers Cleared in February Shooting

Greeley, CO – Today, the Weld County District Attorney’s Office issued a report clearing the Greeley Police officers involved in the January 25th, 2016, shooting at 1327 16th Avenue in Greeley. District Attorney Michael J. Rourke has determined, after an investigation, that the officers’ actions were justified.

The Critical Incident Response Team’s investigation revealed that during the early morning hours of January 25, 2016, officers responded to the address on the report of an intoxicated male with active warrants for his arrest. During the course of the officers’ contact with Perez, he stabbed himself in the stomach and then aggressively charged at officers.

The report outlining the District Attorney’s findings has been sent to Greeley Police Chief Jerry Garner. That report, however, will not be made available at this time due to the ongoing criminal prosecution of Joseph Valentino Perez (DOB 12/13/88).

Perez has been charged with three counts of Assault in the First Degree on a Peace Officer, each a class three felony; one count of Assault in the Second Degree on a Peace Officer, a class four felony; four counts of Felony Menacing, each a class five felony; and one count of Assault in the Third Degree, a class one misdemeanor.

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