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Contact: Kimberly Weeks • [kweeks@co.weld.co.us](mailto:kweeks@co.weld.co.us) • 970.356.4010 ext. 4702  
Re: Officer Involved Shooting Report Released

Greeley, CO – The Weld County District Attorney’s Office has completed its review of the June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 shooting death of Louis Joseph Atencio (4/8/65). No criminal wrongdoing by the officers involved was found to have occurred.

Greeley Police Department Officers responded to a private residence at 601 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue Court, Greeley. The reporting party advised an injured and bleeding woman was at his front door. According to the investigation, while the victim was being treated by fire personnel, Atencio, armed with a handgun, approached the scene and fired at least one round toward his own head. Officers responded to the scene and observed Atencio walk into the street, armed with a handgun, wailing and screaming something unintelligible. Atencio turned towards the officers, made eye contact, and raised the gun toward the officers. The officers fired their weapons at Atencio and he fell, mortally wounded.

According to the investigation, the .38 revolver was found lying on the curb a short distance from where Atencio was found. The investigation also determined that Atencio had shot the woman one time prior to medical and police personnel being called. District Attorney Michael J. 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. Atencio’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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