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RE: Investigation of the October 10, 2025 Officer-Involved Shooting of Chad Ingmire

Chief Turk:

The investigation into the shooting of Chad Ingmire has been completed by the Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT). Applying the facts from the investigation to applicable Colorado law, criminal charges will not be filed against Officers Douglas, Eberhard, Cronquist, Little and Trujillo. Attached hereto are the findings of the Investigations Unit of the District Attorney's office based on the entirety of the CIRT investigation. This report applies the facts from the investigation to the pertinent Colorado laws.

APPLICATION OF THE FACTS TO THE LAW

The District Attorney's office may ethically charge an individual with a crime only in cases where there is a reasonable likelihood of conviction. The law states that criminal liability is established in Colorado only if it is proven beyond a reasonable doubt that someone has committed all of the elements of an offense defined by Colorado statute.

Further, it must be proven beyond a reasonable doubt the offense was committed without any statutorily recognized justification or excuse. While knowingly or intentionally shooting another human being is generally prohibited as homicide in Colorado, the Criminal Code specifies certain circumstances in which the use of physical force is justified, also known as an affirmative defense. Because the evidence establishes that Chad Ingmire was shot and killed by law enforcement, the determination of whether the conduct was criminal is a question of legal justification.

Colorado Revised Statutes § 18-1-707, as amended by the Colorado General Assembly in 2020 by SB 20-217, establishes when a peace officer can use potentially deadly force to defend himself or others. The pertinent subsections of the statute read as follows:

C.R.S. § 18-1-707(3) A peace officer is justified in using deadly physical force to make an arrest only when all other means of apprehension are unreasonable given the circumstances and:

- a) The arrest is for a felony involving conduct including the use or threatened use of deadly physical force;
- b) The suspect poses an immediate threat to the peace officer or another person;
- c) The force employed does not create a substantial risk of injury to other persons

C.R.S. § 18-1-707(4) A peace officer shall identify himself or herself as a peace officer and give a clear verbal warning of his or her intent to use firearms...unless to do so would unduly place peace officers at risk of injury or would create a risk of death or injury to other persons.

C.R.S. § 18-1-707(4.5) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a peace officer is justified in using deadly force if the peace officer has an objectively reasonable belief that a lesser degree of force is inadequate and the peace officer has objectively reasonable grounds to believe, and does believe, that he or another person is in imminent danger of being killed or of receiving serious bodily injury.

C.R.S. § 18-1-901(3)(d) “Deadly Physical Force” means force, the intended, natural, and probable consequences of which is to produce death, and which does, in fact, produce death.

Further, law enforcement officers are afforded the protections of self-defense that every citizen may claim pursuant to **C.R.S. § 18-1-704**.

Colorado case law unequivocally states that when determining whether it was necessary for an individual to act in self-defense or in the defense of someone else, that person is entitled to rely on “apparent necessity.” This can be relied on so long as the conditions and circumstances are such that a person would reasonably believe the defensive action was necessary. *See People v. LaVoie*, 395 P.2d 1001 (1964); *Riley v. People*, 266 P.3d 1089 (Colo. 2011). Thus, it is irrelevant in this analysis whether Ingmire intended to use deadly force. The issue is whether it was reasonable for the officer to believe that he was about to use deadly physical force against him or another person with a deadly weapon.

In this case, Greeley officers were attempting contact Chad Ingmire for an incident that occurred on September 23, 2025, when Greeley officers attempted to contact Ingmire as a suspicious person in a vehicle. When police approached Ingmire he had what appeared to be a firearm in his possession (although Ingmire said it was a BB gun). He told officers that they were going to have to “shoot me,” or “kill me.” He then sped away recklessly with an officer partially in his vehicle. After this incident, police continued to attempt to locate Ingmire and had learned through the investigation that he often carried a firearm and was willing to use force to avoid going to jail.

On October 10, because of this previous incident and what had been learned through the investigation, members of GPD’s Special Enforcement Team (SET), which included Officers

Little, Douglas, Eberhard, Cronquist and Trujillo, developed a plan to apprehend Ingmire. The officers wanted to ensure he could not flee, and officers could utilize less lethal munitions if necessary. Ultimately, Ingmire arrived driving a motorcycle at the location arranged for by an informant and law enforcement. Three police vehicles with emergency lights on containing five SET team members pulled behind Ingmire. Officers immediately gave him commands, and Ingmire refused to comply and attempted to flee on his motorcycle. Officers attempted using a less-lethal projectile, which appeared to have no effect. An officer knocked Ingmire's motorcycle over, and Ingmire fled on foot.

Officers pursued and heard Ingmire shout "f____ you... You're going to have to shoot me." During the short foot pursuit an officer shouted, "he's reaching." Ingmire then turned towards the officers with a firearm in hand. Fearing for their lives and the lives of others, Officers Douglas, Little, Eberhard, Cronquist, and Trujillo engaged Ingmire with their firearms. Ingmire was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ingmire would have clearly known that the officers were law enforcement, as they arrived in unmarked police cars but had emergency lights, were wearing a SET police uniform that included an exterior vest with a police badge affixed to it, and they announced they were officers. Further, Ingmire fled trying to avoid being arrested by these officers.

These officer reasonably believed when they fired their weapons that he was in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury to themselves or others.

Based on the facts gathered during this investigation as summarized in the attached report and the legal analysis outlined above, I find that Officers Douglas, Little, Eberhard, Cronquist and Trujillo were justified in using lethal force against Ingmire. The use of such force was reasonable based on Ingmire's threatened use of deadly physical force.

CONCLUSION

Under C.R.S. § 18-1-707, the actions of Officers Douglas, Little, Eberhard, Cronquist and Trujillo were justified and authorized by law to defend and protect himself from the lawless and threatening actions of Chad Ingmire. As a result, the Weld County District Attorney's Office will not file charges against the officers for the use of deadly physical force in this event.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Officer Involved Shooting

Chad Ingmire ~ Final Report

Investigator Zach Murray

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Weld County Sheriff's Office 25W005739
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Windsor Police Department 25WP05739
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SUMMARY

September 23, 2025, members of the Greeley Police Department {GPD} responded to a suspicious person call involving thirty-nine-year-old Chad Ingmire. During their contact with Ingmire, the responding officers observed a handgun in Ingmire's lap. Ingmire claimed it was just a BB gun and told the officers something to the effect of, "You guys are just going to have to shoot me today ... You're going to have to kill me tonight." While saying this, Ingmire reached towards his handgun and grabbed the keys to his vehicle. Ingmire started his vehicle and drove off with an officer partially in the passenger side of Ingmire's vehicle.

During the week leading up to October 10, 2025, Greeley Police Department's Special Enforcement Team {SET} directed their efforts to locating and apprehending Ingmire for the earlier incident from September 23. During a GPD SET operation they developed a citizen informant who knew Ingmire. The informant shared current information about Ingmire to include: he was "an angry person;" and was armed with a .45 or .40 caliber handgun that he usually kept under his jacket. The informant said Ingmire also made statements indicating he was willing to use force to avoid going to jail. The informant advised GPD SET that Ingmire was using a motorcycle as his primary method of transportation.

On October 10, 2025, GPD SET developed a plan that would have Ingmire follow the informant to 610 27th Street Road, in Weld County. GPD SET members assigned to the operation included Officers Kevin Douglas, Zach Eberhard, Samuel Little, Adam Cronquist, Daniel Trujillo, and Sergeant Jeff Smith. Patrol Officer Chad Wegscheider assisted the operation as a drone operator tasked with notifying the team when Ingmire arrived at the business. All GPD SET officers were dressed similarly in gray cargo pants, a black polo shirt, and an external vest carrier with a badge, name plate/tape, and additional gear.

When Ingmire arrived at 610 27th Street Road, GPD SET designed a plan to arrest of Ingmire. This entailed Officer Douglas arriving in an unmarked police truck with Officer Little as his passenger. These officers would be followed by another unmarked police truck driven by Officers Cronquist with Eberhard as his passenger. Eberhard would carry a 40-millimeter less-lethal launcher. Last in line was Officer Trujillo driving an unmarked Chevrolet Tahoe.

GPD SET discussed the importance of not allowing Ingmire to flee on the motorcycle. The plan was to utilize the less-lethal 40-millimeter launcher or possibly push the motorcycle over by hand if Ingmire failed to follow the officers' verbal commands.

At 4:27:06 p.m. Officer Wegscheider told the team that Ingmire arrived and now would be a good time to move for the arrest. A few seconds elapsed and Sergeant Smith gave the order to the team to move in for the arrest. At 4:27:30 p.m. Officers Douglas and Little arrived on scene followed by Officers Cronquist and Eberhard, and then by Officer Trujillo. Douglas, Cronquist, and Trujillo activated the emergency lights in their respective vehicles.

Officers Douglas and Little immediately began yelling verbal commands of "Police ... Don't move ... Show me your hands" to Ingmire. Ingmire failed to comply with officer's commands and remained

seated on his motorcycle with his back facing the officers. Ingmire looked over his right shoulder at the officers and reached down towards his motorcycle with his left hand. Ingmire then started his motorcycle and attempted to drive away.



Officer Little's BWC

At 4:27:41 p.m. Officer Eberhard fired a 40-millimeter less-lethal projectile toward Ingmire. The projectile did not appear to strike Ingmire or have any effect on his actions. At 4:27:43 p.m. Officer Douglas approached Ingmire and pushed his motorcycle over, causing it to fall on its right side. Ingmire dismounted the motorcycle and fled on foot along the north side of the business between the building and an enclosed trailer. Officers later reported hearing Ingmire say “Fuck you ... You’re going to have to shoot me,” as they pursued him on foot.

At 4:27:53 Officer Douglas announced, “He’s reaching” and Ingmire began to turn toward Douglas while clutching a handgun in his hands. At 4:27:55 Officer Eberhard fired a second 40-millimeter less-lethal projectile at Ingmire that struck him. At the same time, Douglas fired his pistol at Ingmire; the other officers fired their weapons at Ingmire. Eberhard transitioned from his less-lethal launcher to his handgun and fired at Ingmire. Officers Douglas, Cronquist and Trujillo also fired their handguns. Officer Little fired his patrol rifle.

At 4:28:02 p.m. Officer Little yelled, “Hold fire, hold fire” and all officers ceased firing. All officers later reported being in fear of their lives as well as in fear of each other’s lives by the actions displayed by Ingmire.



Officer Douglas BWC

For the next two minutes, the officers worked on searching and handcuffing Ingmire. At 4:32:10 p.m. officers uncuffed Ingmire and began treating his wounds. At 4:33:06 officers began chest compressions on Ingmire and continued until medical personnel arrived at 4:35 p.m. Ingmire was declared deceased at 4:56 p.m.

In the aftermath of the shooting, Greeley police personnel worked to preserve and document the crime scene, contacted potential witnesses, and requested the 19th Judicial District Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) to investigate the incident. CIRT investigators took over crime scene processing and began interviews of police and civilian witnesses. They would also review 911 calls, radio traffic, dispatch call records, and surveillance and body worn camera footage.

Dr. Michael Burson conducted the autopsy of Chad Ingmire's body. Burson determined Ingmire's death was caused by twenty-seven gunshot wounds and his manner of death was homicide. The postmortem toxicology examinations revealed that, in addition to a blood alcohol concentration of .019 g/100 mL, Ingmire suffered from acute methamphetamine intoxication evidenced by the 2600 ng/mL of the substance in his system.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Chad Ingmire's criminal history dates to at least 1993 when he was seven years old. Ingmire had a series of contacts with Fort Morgan and Greeley Police Departments between 1993 and 2003 as a juvenile. As an adult, Ingmire continued to have numerous contacts with law enforcement in Northern Colorado. In many of those instances, Ingmire displayed aggressive behaviors towards law enforcement that included incidents wherein he told officers they would have to kill him. Ingmire was armed in many of those contacts with either a knife and/or a firearm.

SETTING

This shooting occurred in the late afternoon on a Friday in a neighborhood containing both businesses and single-family homes. Weather nor visibility were a concern during the shooting.

OFFICER INTERVIEWS

All officers provided consistent information about the events preceding the shooting, including historical information of Ingmire and the investigative efforts to apprehend him. Their recollection of the events of the shooting was consistent with each other and BWC footage.

This portion of the report will summarize the interviews of the five officers involved. All officers met with their attorney and had chosen a sleep cycle prior to being interviewed by the CIRT investigators.

The officers all reported either reviewing the BWC footage, speaking with fellow officers, or reviewing the reports associated with the September 23, 2025, incident involving Ingmire. The officers said they knew an arrest warrant for Ingmire had been submitted to the Weld County District Attorney's Office for review.

The officers spoke about the initial efforts to locate Ingmire and how they developed a citizen informant. Officer Douglas was the primary officer who communicated with the informant via text message. During these communications with the informant, the officers learned Ingmire was "an angry person" and armed with a .45 or .40 caliber handgun that he usually kept under his jacket. They also knew Ingmire had made statements indicating he was willing to use force to avoid going to jail. Each officer spoke about the informant's involvement with luring Ingmire to 610 27th Street Road, where they would take Ingmire into custody.

The officers each described the plan related to the arrest of Ingmire with varying degrees of specificity. They each explained their role and knew each other's responsibilities. The officers knew Officer Wegscheider was operating a drone and would tell the team once Ingmire arrived at the location. Officer Douglas discussed the importance of not allowing Ingmire to flee on the motorcycle. He stated the team's plan was to use a less-lethal 40-millimeter launcher or possibly push the motorcycle over by hand if needed to prevent Ingmire from fleeing.

The officers said once they were told Ingmire was on-scene, they responded in the following manner. Officers Douglas {driver} and Little were together in an unmarked police vehicle and were first to enter the parking lot. Officer Cronquist drove the second unmarked police vehicle with Officer Eberhart as his passenger and Officer Trujillo arrived last also in an unmarked police vehicle. Officer Douglas, Little, and Eberhard each said they activated the emergency lights on their vehicles when they entered the parking lot.

Each of the officers were dressed similarly in gray cargo pants, a black polo shirt, and an external vest carrier with a police badge, name plate/tape, and additional gear. The officers each described seeing Ingmire sitting on his motorcycle when they first saw him. The officers described Ingmire as wearing jeans, black coat, and a full facemask.

The officers described exiting their vehicles and hearing verbal commands being given to Ingmire. Officer Little said he immediately began telling Ingmire "Police, you're under arrest ... Show me your hands". The officers said Ingmire looked at them and started his motorcycle. Officer Eberhard said he fired the less-lethal projectile at Ingmire, but the round struck another object and missed. Officer Douglas said he could not tell if the less-lethal projectile struck Ingmire, so he moved towards Ingmire and pushed the motorcycle over. Officer Douglas said he did not physically engage with Ingmire as he knew he could be armed.

The officers said Ingmire yelled "fuck you," and fled on foot. They describe Ingmire as running west along the north side of the shop, between the shop and a trailer. As the officers were pursuing Ingmire, Officer Cronquist said he heard Ingmire say "gou're going to have to shoot me." Officer Douglas said he was the first officer in pursuit of Ingmire and followed his path.

Officer Douglas said as Ingmire exited the area between the shop and a trailer he saw Ingmire reach his left hand towards his waistband. Douglas said he yelled, "He's reaching," so everyone especially those who could not see Ingmire would know what was happening. Officer Eberhard heard Douglas say Ingmire was reaching for his waistband and deployed second less-lethal projectile at Ingmire. Eberhard said the projectile struck Ingmire because he heard him loudly state "Ow." Eberhard said he did not observe a behavioral change in Ingmire.

Officer Douglas said Ingmire turned towards him with a handgun in his right-hand. Douglas said he yelled, "gun," and heard a shot go off just before he fired his handgun at Ingmire. Officer Little also described seeing Ingmire turn quickly towards Douglas while holding a dark-colored handgun in his right hand and pointing it at Douglas. Little said he fired his rifle at Ingmire because he perceived his and Douglas's lives were in grave danger. Officer Eberhard said he saw a handgun in Ingmire's hand and was turning towards Douglas and Little, he feared for their lives as well as his. Eberhard transitioned to his handgun and began firing at Ingmire. Officer Cronquist said he saw Ingmire holding a silver-colored handgun and fired his weapon.

Officer Trujillo said he heard gunshots and moved toward Officer Eberhard. As he was moving, he heard officers giving Ingmire more commands: "hey, don't reach!" and, "he has a gun!" followed by a second volley of gunfire. Trujillo then fired at Ingmire who was lying on his back with his feet toward him. Officer Trujillo said he could only see Ingmire from the waist down and he fired at his pelvic area.

Officer Trujillo said he was worried Ingmire was going to shoot him or his fellow officers. Trujillo said he did not see a weapon until after the shooting. Trujillo said he believed Ingmire had a gun based on the commands of the other officers. Trujillo added the other officers had already fired once and Ingmire didn't comply (they gave him more orders not to reach for the gun), they started shooting again, indicating Ingmire was still an active threat. Trujillo said he stopped firing after he "dumped" ten to twelve and he heard Officer Little yell "Hold fire, Hold fire".

The officers described approaching Ingmire after the shooting and providing lifesaving efforts until medical personnel arrived.

Officer Trujillo's BWC was not activated until after the shooting. Trujillo explained he had placed his BWC in "Do Not Disturb" mode when they were preparing for the operation. Trujillo explained he had to quickly reposition his vehicle, which disrupted his thought process, and he forgot to take it out of "Do Not Disturb" mode.

CONCLUSION

This independent evidence conclusively demonstrates that Officers Kevin Douglas, Samuel Little, Zach Eberhard, Adam Cronquist, and Daniel Trujillo's use of deadly physical force upon Chad Ingmire was reasonable, appropriate, and necessary to defend themselves and fellow officers from what they believed was imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury. Furthermore, the same evidence establishes that less violent means were used with little or no impact on deescalating the actions of Chad Ingmire.