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Special Agent Colin Subick
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RE: ISP Case File IL 21-39131801115, St. Clair County 21- OI- 3

Dear Special Agent Subick:

I have reviewed the materials regarding the investigation of the death of Diwone Wallace while being detained by officers with the then-Centreville Police Department. Based upon my review of what appears to be a well-done and comprehensive investigation, I find that there is no basis for a claim of excessive use of force nor is there any basis for criminal charges against any officer involved.

The findings of forensic pathologist Kamal Sabharwal, M.D., note that the cause of death for Mr. Wallace was "Sudden death in an agitated individual with a history of Asthma while under the influence of cannabinoids and following exertion and restraint." Nothing in that report is indicative of mistreatment, abuse, or trauma at the hands of the law enforcement officers involved. While minor injuries are noted, nothing would rise to the level of constituting a serious injury, much less a lethal injury, based upon Dr. Sabharwal's report.

In addition to the absence of medical evidence that would be indicative of police misconduct, at least 9 independent witnesses gave statements regarding the incident that led up to Mr. Wallace's passing. None of those statements were indicative of police misconduct. Even Mr. Wallace's mother, Temekia Coleman, stated that she thought "the officers were doing their job, did nothing wrong, and were scared too." Mr. Wallace was clearly under the influence of a substance when officers arrived based upon a 911 call. His bizarre behavior necessitated a police response. In their efforts to investigate and de-escalate the situation, officers utilized the continuum of force while Mr. Wallace was being extremely combative, and at no time did they use force that was reasonably likely to result in death or great bodily harm. Furthermore, Mr. Wallace's death occurred when he was restrained and when force was no longer being applied. Finally, officers attempted to take life-saving actions upon realizing Mr. Wallace was in medical distress.

It is clear to me that while this situation is undoubtedly tragic, there is nothing about the situation that would warrant the filing of criminal charges. Thank you to you and the Illinois State Police as a whole for your work on this investigation and your professionalism throughout the process. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel E. Lewis", written over a horizontal line.

Daniel E. Lewis
First Assistant State's Attorney