



**COUNTY OF FRESNO**

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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE COMPLETES INVESTIGATION AND LEGAL REVIEW OF DYLAN NOBLE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING**

The Fresno County District Attorney's Office has completed its investigation and legal review of the Officer Involved Shooting of Dylan Noble by Fresno Police Department Officers Raymond Camacho and Robert Chavez which occurred on June 25, 2016.

The District Attorney's Office conducts independent, accurate, and thorough investigations whenever (1) a law enforcement officer, on or off duty, shoots and injures or kills any person, (2) an individual dies while in the custody or control of a law enforcement officer or agency, or (3) in any other circumstance requested by a law enforcement agency.

It is the District Attorney's Office's role in these incidents to investigate and determine whether any violation of California criminal law was committed by the officer or officers. It is not the role of the District Attorney's Office to determine civil negligence, civil rights violations, or to condone or condemn the policies of law enforcement agencies or the tactical decisions of law enforcement officers.

In reviewing these incidents for the possible filing of criminal charges, the District Attorney's Office is bound by crime charging standards which are the same whether an individual is a civilian or a law enforcement officer. Those standards are set forth in the California District Attorneys' Association Uniform Crime Charging Standards, and state in part:

"The prosecutor should file a criminal complaint only if four basic requirements are satisfied:

- 1) There has been a complete investigation and thorough consideration of all pertinent data;
- 2) There is legally sufficient, admissible evidence of a corpus delicti;

- 3) There is legally sufficient, admissible evidence of the accused's identity as the perpetrator of the crime; and
- 4) The prosecutor has considered the probability of conviction by an objective factfinder hearing the admissible evidence.

The admissible evidence should be of such convincing force that it would warrant conviction of the crime charged by a reasonable and objective factfinder after hearing all the evidence available to the prosecutor at the time of charging and after hearing the most plausible, reasonably foreseeable defense that could be raised under the evidence presented to the prosecutor.”

A team consisting of a Senior Deputy District Attorney, a District Attorney Supervising Investigator, and a Senior District Attorney Investigator responded to the scene of the shooting, attended and participated in the post-shooting interviews of all involved parties and witnesses, conducted independent interviews of witnesses, attended the autopsy of Mr. Noble, reviewed Body-Worn Camera recordings, and reviewed reports, diagrams, recordings, transcripts, photographs, and evidence provided by the Fresno Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Office of the Fresno County Sheriff-Coroner, and the State Department of Justice.

Consistent with the aforementioned crime charging standards, all of the information gathered during the investigation was carefully weighed and considered when deciding whether any criminal charges could be filed and successfully prosecuted.

The District Attorney's Office's investigation of this incident consisted of several hundred hours of investigation and review, and included numerous conferences among the most senior and experienced prosecutors and investigators in the District Attorney's Office.

After a complete and thorough investigation and legal review of this incident, it is the opinion of the District Attorney's Office that the shooting death of Mr. Noble did not involve any criminal conduct by Fresno Police Department Officer Raymond Camacho or Officer Robert Chavez.

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