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On January 2, 2014, the Crestview Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team attempted to execute a search warrant at 462 North Savage Street, Crestview, Florida. Upon breaching the door to the house, the Team was met with gunfire from within the residence. The ensuing exchanges of gunfire resulted in two Crestview Police officers receiving gunshot wounds, the death of Rasheik Calhoun and the arrest of Aphrey Collis. Mr. Collis was charged in this incident based on the information known at the time of the incident.

Earlier today the Office of the State Attorney released the findings of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement investigation into the incident. I have not received, nor have I read the FDLE investigative reports, as they were delivered directly to the Office of the State Attorney; therefore, I cannot make any comment on the investigative aspects of the case at this time. However, I have met with members of the Office of the State Attorney, reviewed the evidence and received verbal notification of the conclusions of the investigation; that members of the Crestview Police Department acted appropriately.

The incident was captured on a video camera carried by one of the Team members. Through enhancement of the video, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of the State Attorney conclusively determined that Rasheik Calhoun acted alone in the assault against the Crestview Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team; clearing Aphrey Collis of any criminal involvement in the incident. I concur with the investigative conclusions and determinations of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of the State Attorney, the dismissal of all charges previously filed against Aphrey Collis and his immediate release from incarceration.

I would like to extend my personal appreciation to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the Office of the State Attorney for their relentless pursuit of justice; and I commend them for their objectivity and professionalism. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Department, the Valparaiso Police Department, the Fort Walton Beach Police Department, and the Niceville Police Department for their immediate assistance on the evening of January 2, 2014.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Chief of Police