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RE: The CIRT investigation into the assault of FCPS Sergeant; LP 22-7642.

Chief Jeff Swoboda,

On the evening of September 29, 2022, undercover Fort Collins Police detectives were conducting an operation attempting to remove a court-ordered tracker from a vehicle registered to Marvin Evans near the intersection of E. 8th Street and N. Boise Ave, in Loveland, Colorado. While engaged in this operation, a sergeant with Fort Collins Police was seriously assaulted by Quentin Wallace, who had been using Mr. Evans' truck on that date.

There is no allegation of any police force being used that evening that would warrant a statutory review of police conduct. However, as the Eighth Judicial District's Critical Incident Protocol defines "critical incidents" to include, "[i]ncidents occurring in the Eighth Judicial District, involving two or more people, in which a police agency employee is involved as an actor, victim, or custodial officer and where ... serious bodily injury is evident at the time of the incident," a CIRT response was automatically invoked. As you know, our CIRT protocol is specifically written to include review of more actions than are statutorily required to be reviewed, in order to provide the community with the most independent and transparent information possible. In this case, the CIRT was activated solely because an officer was involved as a victim and suffered serious bodily injury.

The CIRT protocol governed the response, investigation, and ultimately, the District Attorney's review of the incident. The Loveland Police Department led the investigation, with assistance from the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Fort Collins Police Services, and the District Attorney's Office.

A thorough investigation was conducted and I have completed my review. As a result, one charge of Assault in the Second Degree, a class 4 felony, was filed against Quentin Wallace. Mr. Wallace's case is pending in the Larimer County District Court. Further details of this investigation will not be released at this time due to our ethical obligations pursuant to Colo. R Crim. P. 3.6 and 3.8 to limit publicity on open cases to protect an accused's presumption of innocence and right to a fair trial. All charges against Quentin Wallace are merely allegations, and he is presumed innocent of all charges filed against him unless and until he is proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

The District Attorney's Office thanks the Critical Incident Response Team for conducting a thorough and expeditious investigation of this incident.

Sincerely,



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