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Media Advisory Officer Involved Shooting Update

A Wichita Police Department (WPD) officer involved in the fatal shooting of Andrew Finch on Dec. 28 was cleared of any criminal wrongdoing today by District Attorney Marc Bennett. Bennett earlier today released a statement explaining in detail the results of the investigation.

This incident has weighed on the hearts of the WPD and community. Chief Gordon Ramsay and the WPD continue to extend sympathy to the Finch family and the officers involved.

Following are next steps regarding the incident:

1. An internal investigation will be conducted to determine if policies and training were followed.
2. Review of training and policies to include any recommendations.
3. Administrative review of the findings and internal actions taken based on the findings.
4. Citizens Review Board (CRB) reviews the findings and provides policy and training recommendations.
5. Administrative review of CRB recommendations.

Chief Ramsay and WPD remain committed to completing an objective evaluation of this incident based upon the facts.

WPD officials work to stay abreast of developments in police policies and practices and strive to provide effective law enforcement to the community. WPD has implemented the deployment of body cameras to assist in documenting police actions, continues to explore and deploy nonlethal alternatives to lethal force and to adhere to other developments in law enforcement practices. The WPD recognizes the concern this tragedy has caused and is committed to do everything it can to prevent an incident like this from occurring again.

Because of ongoing civil litigation, there will be no further comment.