



ALAN WILSON ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 18, 2020

Chief Mark Keel South Carolina law Enforcement Division P.O. Box 21398 Columbia, SC 29221

Re:

Investigation of Officer Involved Shooting

SLED Investigation # 34-20-0137

Anderson County Sheriff's Office Deputies Christopher Rager and

Matthew Davis

Dear Chief Keel:

Please be advised the investigative file you forwarded to this office regarding the above-captioned matter has been reviewed. The material your investigation has provided is sufficient for us to evaluate the case.

Upon review of this file, it is my legal opinion that Deputies used lawful and appropriate force under the circumstances. The officers discharged their weapons while exercising their lawful duties as law enforcement officers, in response to an apparent threat in order to defend themselves from death or serious bodily injury.

As such, we are not recommending initiation of criminal charges against the officers and returning the investigative report to you. Should you have any questions or want to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Heather S. Weiss

Senior Assistant Deputy Attorney General

HSW/wrm Enclosure