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**Iowa Attorney General's Review
of Officer-Involved Death**

Incident of August 5, 2025
Des Moines County, Iowa

Des Moines County Sheriff's Office Deputy Brett Haubrich

Subject Involved: David Leonard Maupin

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Executive Summary

On the evening of August 5, 2025, Des Moines County Sheriff's Office personnel were dispatched to a rural Burlington address for a report of a domestic disturbance. The subject, David Leonard Maupin, was reported to be belligerent, intoxicated, and armed with a firearm.

Deputy Brett Haubrich responded to the scene and found Maupin in a dark, detached garage. Maupin refused to comply with Haubrich's commands, yelled, and taunted him. Maupin told the deputy he was going to shoot him and then went into the darkened garage. Maupin emerged with a rifle and ordered the deputy to leave. Maupin ignored multiple commands to drop the weapon, instead advancing toward Deputy Haubrich. When Maupin leveled the rifle at Haubrich, he fired on Maupin, killing him.

Detailed Factual Summary

Des Moines County Sheriff's Office dispatch received a call at 9:09 p.m. on August 5, 2025. The caller, Jamie Gray, reported that her live-in boyfriend, David Maupin, was intoxicated, causing property damage, and had brandished a shotgun in front of her and her 3-year-old son. She had a video of him with the gun. Gray stated that in addition to the shotgun, Maupin had Gray's 9mm handgun and multiple other firearms in the garage.

The residence where Gray and Maupin lived was located at 15185 Iowa City Road in rural Burlington. Two deputies were dispatched to respond. One of the deputies was Brett Haubrich, who was near that location and was reached the house in approximately three minutes. Haubrich was concerned for his safety, and that of other responders, because of an incident in fall 2024. In that incident, deputies had pulled Maupin over after causing property damage. Maupin had been intoxicated and had a rifle in the back of his pickup. When that deputy reached in to secure the rifle, Maupin had grabbed at it, refusing to let the deputy take control of it. Maupin had to be tased before he would comply with commands to get out of the vehicle.

The Gray/Maupin residence is a rural farmhouse, with a driveway approximately a quarter-mile long. Haubrich stopped at the driveway to arm himself with his rifle and to put on additional protective equipment. There were no lights in the area except for the deputy's vehicle headlights, and he had serious concerns about being ambushed. He was also concerned that Gray might be in serious danger.

Haubrich continued down the driveway in his patrol vehicle, which had a cornfield on one side. As Haubrich approached the house, the field to the right side of the driveway ended, and he was able to see a tree and a detached garage. The garage area was in

total darkness, so Deputy Haubrich stopped and used his spotlight to illuminate it. The garage door was open, but he did not see Maupin or Gray. Haubrich exited his patrol vehicle and stood behind it for protection while he communicated with dispatch, which told him that Gray had been able to safely leave the scene.

Knowing that Gray was not in immediate danger, Deputy Haubrich remained at the rear of his vehicle, waiting for additional deputies. As he waited, he began to hear loud music coming from the dark garage, and he then saw a small light begin to move around in the garage. Haubrich used a flashlight on his uniform to partially illuminate the garage and saw Maupin leaning against the back of a pickup parked in the garage.

Maupin stated, “I know who you are. I’m right here.” Haubrich twice instructed Maupin to show his hands. Maupin responded by telling Haubrich to “shut that fucking thing off,” likely referring to the flashlight. Haubrich again directed Maupin to show his hands. Maupin held up his hands, showing the deputy the front and back with nothing in them. He then held his hands up and curled his fingers towards himself, a gesture that indicated he wanted the deputy to come to him. He then stated, “trust me, I will fuck you up tonight.” When the deputy stated that he was not the person to mess with, Maupin began to laugh. Haubrich told Maupin to come out with his hands up. Maupin immediately responded by saying

“I’m going to shoot it now.” Maupin then went further into the darkened garage, where he was no longer visible. Haubrich informed dispatch that Maupin had gone back into the garage and had threatened to shoot him.

Within seconds, Maupin emerged from the garage holding a long gun and walked toward Haubrich. Maupin held the gun across his body with the butt of the gun down at his right hip and the muzzle raised away from his left shoulder. Haubrich began watching Maupin through the red-dot scope of his rifle, allowing him a closer view of what Maupin was doing. Haubrich shouted multiple commands for Maupin to drop the gun, saying at one point, “Maupin, seriously, I don’t want to do this, please.” Maupin told the deputy to “get out of here,” and he continued to advance toward him. As Maupin was making his way toward the deputy, he was nearing a tree and the cornfield to the deputy’s right, closing the gap between them. Haubrich directed Maupin again to drop the gun, but Maupin continued advancing on the officer. Haubrich, through his scope, saw Maupin level the long gun directly at him. Haubrich fired one shot at Maupin, who yelled, but did not fall. He also did not drop the gun. Maupin instead started back toward the garage. Haubrich fired additional shots until Maupin dropped the gun.

Though Maupin had dropped the gun, he remained standing and continued yelling at Deputy Haubrich. Haubrich notified

dispatch that shots had been fired and the suspect had been hit. Dispatch then activated the medical team to respond. Maupin continued yelling but never responded to commands to come to the deputy with his hands up. Maupin took some steps, looked down, went toward where the long gun had fallen inside the garage, and fell to the ground. Haubrich's view of him was obstructed by a small retaining wall, and he could not tell whether Maupin had gotten the gun. Haubrich remained behind his vehicle, calling to Maupin to crawl out so he could render medical aid. Maupin did not.

Additional officers arrived, but none had a shield that would allow them to approach Maupin safely. One deputy was able to use a drone to determine that Maupin was no longer moving and did not have the gun. Once they were assured it was safe to do so, they advanced to Maupin and began life-saving measures. Medical personnel arrived and Maupin was declared dead at the scene.

Subsequent Investigation

A search of the scene revealed that the gun Maupin had pointed at Deputy Haubrich was inside the garage near where Maupin fell. The weapon was a fully loaded Ruger .22 caliber rifle with a round in the chamber. Two additional rifles and two shotguns were also in the garage.

Investigators located a number of beer cans in the garage and in Maupin's vehicle. An autopsy showed that Maupin's blood-alcohol level was .300, well over three times the legal limit.

Gray stated in an interview that Maupin was generally very resistant to law enforcement. He had told her multiple times that if officers ever came to the property, they would have to shoot him.

Process and Authority

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) investigated the incident, and its investigation is complete. DCI interviewed the officer involved and reviewed the officer's body camera recordings and car camera. DCI interviewed civilian witnesses with knowledge of the time leading up to the events. DCI reviewed evidence and reports from additional law enforcement personnel from the Burlington and West Burlington Police Departments, the Des Moines County Sheriff's Office, and the Iowa State Patrol, which assisted after the incident. DCI also reviewed evidence and reports from the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner.

The Attorney General's Office has authority under Iowa Code § 13.12 to assess any officer-involved death to determine whether criminal charges are warranted. The office has had a full opportunity to review the findings of the investigation and discuss the investigation with the assigned agent. All law enforcement

reports, including audio or video recordings, will be returned to DCI when this report is issued.

Applicable Law

To be justified, the force an officer uses must be reasonable. Force is reasonable if a reasonable person, in like circumstances, would judge the force to be necessary to prevent an injury or loss. It can include deadly force if (1) it is reasonable to believe that such force is necessary to avoid injury or risk to the person's or another person's life or safety, and (2) it is reasonable to believe that such force is necessary to resist a like force or threat. Iowa Code §§ 704.1, 704.2, and 704.3.

In *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989), the United States Supreme Court held that the use of deadly force by a police officer must be evaluated from the perspective of a reasonable police officer on the scene and in the same circumstances. Under *Graham*, reasonableness of police use of force cannot be evaluated from the perspective of a civilian or the perspective afforded by 20/20 hindsight. The Court further stated that the fact that law enforcement officers are often required to react quickly in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving situations are factors that must be considered in determining reasonableness.

Analysis

Des Moines County Sheriff's Deputy Brett Haubrich was justified in his use of lethal force against David Maupin, who posed an immediate, lethal danger to him.

Deputy Haubrich initially responded to a call of a person who was intoxicated, causing property damage, and brandishing a gun. He knew that other deputies had dealt with Maupin in the fall of 2024 when Maupin was intoxicated, causing property damage, and would not allow officers to seize a firearm. Deputies had to use a taser during that incident to get Maupin to comply with commands.

As the deputy approached the residence, he was concerned for the caller's safety and his own. The area was dark and isolated, with multiple locations where an ambush might be waiting. Once Haubrich determined the caller was not in immediate danger, he elected to wait for back-up. Maupin, however, did not wait for additional officers to arrive. He made his location known and began to berate the deputy. When told to show his hands to the deputy, he complied but then used his hands to taunt Haubrich to come closer, telling him, "I will fuck you up tonight." Maupin then ignored commands to come out with his hands up and instead retreated into the dark garage after saying he was going to shoot the deputy.

Instead of following orders to give up, Maupin emerged from the garage armed with a rifle. He advanced on and orally threatened

Deputy Haubrich. Instead of dropping the rifle as the deputy commanded, Maupin aimed it at Haubrich. Deputy Haubrich was justified in firing on Maupin to end the immediate threat to his life.

Being shot, however, did not cause Maupin to surrender. Instead of dropping the weapon, he held it and began making his way back to the garage, where he had cover, darkness, and additional weapons. If he had made it back into the garage and out of sight, that would have only increased the danger that he would shoot at Deputy Haubrich. Haubrich was therefore justified in continuing to fire on Maupin until Maupin had dropped the gun and was no longer a threat to open fire. He used only as much force as was necessary and is therefore justified in his use of deadly force.

Conclusion

The Iowa Attorney General's Office concludes that Deputy Haubrich's actions in this incident were legally justified and that criminal charges are unwarranted. It considers the criminal investigation into this incident to be closed.