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RE: Chicago Police Department Officer Involved Shooting of Tracey Watson

Dear State's Attorney Burke:

Pursuant to your request, this Agency has thoroughly reviewed the evidence provided to us by your office in the above matter.

Our goal was to address whether the fatal shooting of Tracey Watson on May 27, 2024, by Chicago Police Department Officers Darrell Willis #13798 and Cordell Curtis #7722, warranted the filing of criminal charges, and whether the evidence was sufficient to overrule the declination of charges previously submitted by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office on or about December 18, 2024, and formally closed on January 6, 2025.

Based upon a comprehensive and independent evaluation of the information provided, we find that the decision by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office to decline prosecution is consistent with the evidence. This finding is strictly limited to the conclusion as to criminal charges and makes no determination regarding the existence of any administrative violations or the potentiality of civil liability.

We are returning all material sent by your Office directly to Lynn McCarthy, LEAD Supervisor, 2650 South California – Room 13 B 40, Chicago, IL, 60608.

Please let me know whenever we can be of assistance.

Very truly yours,

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