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To: [Kelly, John](#); [Nguyen, Hao Q](#)
Cc: [Gerhardstein, Dennis](#); [Melby, Cyndy](#)
Subject: In Re: Officer-Involved Death of Brandon DaleShaun Keys
Date: Wednesday, May 29, 2024 4:19:42 PM
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Dear John and Hao:

Thank you all for your hard work in preparing your written memorandum dated May 24, 2024, involving the officer involved fatality that resulted in the death of Mr. Brandon DaleShaun Keys on December 7, 2023. I have reviewed your memorandum and concur with the conclusion that Saint Paul Police Officer Michael Tschida's use of deadly force was justified under Minnesota law and no criminal charges can be brought against him in this incident.

I'm sure this incident has deeply impacted all of those involved, including our community. The truth is that all too often police officers are called to dangerous situations having to place their lives on the line to protect those who call upon them and our community. We should appreciate this act of public service while also recognizing the deep loss that is felt by the family and friends of Mr. Keys. It is critical that we take the time to properly, and with great care, communicate our decision to the family of Mr. Keys, who has lost someone they love. After you have done that, please do the following:

1. Contact the Minnesota of Bureau of Apprehension to notify them that we expect the public portions of the investigative file be released to the public upon our decision becoming public or as soon as possible.
2. Please reach out to the attorney representing Officer Tschida to inform him of our decision and answer any questions.
3. Please also communicate our decision to Saint Paul Chief Axel Henry after your communication with Officer Tschida's legal counsel.
4. I have also copied Dennis Gerhardstein in our office so that he can coordinate the public release of our decision and the written material associated with it.

Thank you again for your hard work on this prosecution review.

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