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Utah County Attorney David Leavitt Announces “No charges” in Lehi Officer-Involved Death.

David Leavitt, Utah County Attorney, announces that there will be no charges filed against the two officers from the Lehi Police Department that resulted in an Officer Involved Critical Incident (OICI) that occurred on August 21, 2021.

The OICI investigation was completed on November 8, 2021, led by the Provo Police Department OICI team. Necessary follow-up was completed by the Utah County Attorney Bureau of Investigations.

On August 21, 2021, Officers from the Lehi Police Department were dispatched to the address of 81 South 1675 West, in Lehi, on a report that gunshots were being fired from the residence. When officers responded, they heard three additional gunshots coming from the residence, some of which were fired in the direction of responding officers.

Mr. Lutu was the only person known to be in the residence, and Officers were aware that Mr. Lutu was sending messages to friends and family making threats that people would die. As officers held containment on the residence, officers observed movement coming from a ground-level window and saw a firearm pointing out of the window.

Shortly after a gunshot came from the residence. The Officer Cooper Smith and Officer Cole Peterson returned fire through the open window where the firearm had been observed. Mr. Lutu was not struck by the gunshots from the officers but was injured from flying debris from the gunshots. Mr. Lutu eventually surrendered and was taken into custody.

"The Utah County Attorney's office declines to file any criminal charges against either officer. The facts and results of the investigation, checked by our Investigations team support these findings. Their departments have been notified of this decision." stated David Leavitt, Utah County Attorney.

Persons accused of a crime are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

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