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PRESS NOTICE

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DA's Office Completes Review of Officer Involved Shooting

SALT LAKE CITY – The Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office has issued a letter to the West Valley City Police Department notifying the police agency that the actions leading to the shooting of Mr. Richard Jackson were lawful under Utah Code Title 76 chapter 2 part 4.

Evidence reviewed by the DA's office indicates that on August 30th, 2008, the West Valley City Police Department received information that Mr. Jackson had entered the home of his ex-wife, Revangelet Jackson, had forced her from the home and was dragging her toward 3300 South. Officers responded to the area of 1800 West 3320 South and observed Mr. Jackson seated on the ground, with his back against a fence. Mr. Jackson was holding Mrs. Jackson on top of him with one arm, and with the other hand was holding a knife to Mrs. Jackson's neck. Mr. Jackson repeatedly threatened to kill Mrs. Jackson. Officers attempted to speak with Mr. Jackson, but he continued to threaten to kill Mrs. Jackson. When Mrs. Jackson arched away from the knife and exposed Mr. Jackson's head, Officer Tyler Longman fired two rounds, striking Mr. Jackson once.

The District Attorney's Office reviews Officer Involved Critical Incidents to determine whether the officer's actions were legally justified under the Utah Code. Whether an officer returns to active duty is determined by the employing agency.

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