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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DETERMINES UTAH HIGHWAY
PATROL TROOPER INVOLVED SHOOTING “JUSTIFIED” UNDER UTAH LAW**

Salt Lake City, UT | Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill recently informed Utah Highway Patrol (“UHP”) Colonel Daniel Fuhr that the DA’s Office determined that UHP Trooper A. Colvin’s use of deadly force against Josue Ramirez-Perez during an incident that occurred August 5, 2011 at the 700 North off-ramp on northbound I-215 was justified under Utah state law.

The Office of the Salt Lake County District Attorney, Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney is required by Utah State law, and operates pursuant to an agreement with participating law enforcement agencies, consistent with established protocols and applicable law, to perform joint investigations and independent reviews of officer involved critical incidents, including police officers’ use of deadly (including potentially deadly) force used in the scope of police officers’ official duties.

The findings and conclusions of the above referenced incident, as supported by the facts developed during the joint investigation of the incident are contained in the attached letter to Colonel Fuhr.

Inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to District Attorney Sim Gill via the contact information above.

All persons accused of a criminal offense are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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