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**SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY SIM GILL DETERMINES UNIFIED
POLICE USE OF FORCE JUSTIFIED**

Salt Lake City, UT | Today, Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill informed Sheriff James M. “Jim” Winder, Unified Police Department, of the results of the DA’s Office’s review of the investigation of the use of deadly force by Officers Brian Todd and Bryan Madsen against Sean Morrison during an incident that occurred March 18, 2012, at 3791 South Paine Road in Magna, Utah. As outlined in the accompanying letter to Sheriff Winder, the DA’s Office concluded that the officers’ use of force was justified under Utah State law.

The Office of the 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 regarding the above referenced incident, as supported by the facts developed during the joint investigation of the incident are contained in the accompanying letter to Sheriff Winder.

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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