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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DETERMINES UNIFIED POLICE
DEPARTMENT OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING “JUSTIFIED” UNDER UTAH LAW**

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Salt Lake City, UT | Today, Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill informed Salt Lake County Sheriff James M. Winder that the DA’s Office determined that Unified Police Department Officer Morgan Matthews’ use of deadly force against John J. Samora during an incident that occurred May 19, 2012 at 3365 South, 900 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 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 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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