



June 11, 2012

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Sheriff Knezovich,

During the January 9, 2012 Sheriff's Department Advisory Board Meeting, it was brought to our attention that the attorney for the Dodd Family, requested the Advisory Board to review the officer involved shooting involving their family member, Quentin Dodd. At our February 13, 2012 meeting, we received the Dodd case investigation files. As members of the board we were reviewing the case files in order to determine if the investigation was handled in an appropriate manner.

In the eight weeks following, we reviewed the files and came up with specific questions and concerns regarding the investigation. On April 9, 2012, we met again and discussed the questions and requested investigators and subject matter experts from the Sheriff's department to meet with us. They were to address questions and clarify items not understood in the investigation/case files. This protocol is the same that this board had done in that past in officer involved shooting deaths.

On May 14, 2012, we met directly with the Investigators and Subject Matter Experts. These experts spent hours with the Advisory Board to review our questions. They presented us with explanations of the applicable laws and thorough answers to our investigation questions. All of the Advisory Board's questions were answered and explained completely.

The Advisory Board felt that it would have been beneficial had the Medical Examiner made himself available to meet with us. The Dodd family did sign a waiver for the Advisory Board to review the autopsy and have this information available to us. It would have been helpful to have been able to ask the Medical Examiner questions directly. In this case however, his absence was not decisive.

Unanimously we found that the investigation was handled in an appropriate, lawful, professional and thorough manner. Based on our review of the case files, we determined that Deputies Olson and Miller acted reasonable with the imminent threat Quentin Dodd presented. This situation was sad for the Dodd family, the officers, and the Spokane community; but the ultimate responsibility was with Quentin Dodd himself. We appreciate the Sheriff's department for their full support in our review of the investigation.

Sincerely,

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