November 10, 2014

Ozzie Knezovich, Sheriff
Spokane County Sheriff’s Office
Public Safety Building,
1100 W. Mallon
Spokane, Washington 99260

Sheriff Knezovich,

On April 14, 2014 the Spokane County Sheriff’s Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) was asked to review the Officer involved shooting of June 1, 2013 that resulted in the death of Mr. Roy M. Jacobs. We were provided with the full Officer Involved Shooting Review material that had prepared by the Spokane Investigative Regional Response Team (SIRR Team). The material provided was very well researched, extremely detailed, comprehensive, and complete.

After reviewing the SIRR material the CAB developed a list of specific questions. The CAB was then given access to the Sheriff’s Office subject matter experts in the specific areas pertaining to the questions. The CAB met face-to-face with the subject matter experts on October 13, 2014. The answers we received were complete and cleared up any and all questions about the events involving Mr. Jacobs on June 1, 2013. Questions were not limited to the ones developed prior to the meeting. The subject matter experts were very instrumental in helping the CAB understand the training, experience, policies, and procedures employed by the Sheriff’s Office in this type of situation.

Mr. Jacobs’ decision to not comply with lawful instructions resulted in the use of deadly force. The CAB’s conclusion in this matter is that, while having a tragic outcome in the death of Mr. Jacobs, the Spokane County Deputies carried out their job in full compliance with their training and the established procedures of the Sheriff’s Office.

Sincerely,

The Citizens Advisory Board