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May 20, 2018 Police Officer-involved Shooting Ruled Justified

The 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the Cripple Creek Police Department's Officer-involved shooting that occurred on May 20, 2018, in Teller County, Colorado. Pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute 16-2.5-301 Peace Officer-involved shooting investigations – protocol, all officer-involved shootings that result in injury or death shall be reviewed by a multi-agency team, a Deadly Force Investigation Team.

Following a careful review of the facts and evidence, the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office has concluded that Cripple Creek Police Officer Karr was justified when she fired her weapon on May 20, 2018, striking Jeffrey Boyd Bader. Colorado Revised Statute 20-1-114 states that a district attorney shall, if no criminal charges are filed following the completion of an investigation pursuant to section 16-2.5-301, C.R.S., release a report and publicly disclose the report explaining the district attorney's findings, including the basis for the decision not to charge the officer with any criminal conduct. This is an abbreviated report due to the open and pending case against Jeffrey Bader.

On May 20, 2018 at 8:15 p.m., the Teller County Sheriff's Office and the Cripple Creek Police Department responded to a suspicious person in a car parked outside of the mine located on CO-67, between Victor and Cripple Creek, Colorado. Upon arriving at that location, Teller County Sheriff's Deputy Bisset found Jeffrey Boyd Bader slumped over the steering wheel, asleep, with the engine running and the vehicle in drive. When the deputy tapped on the window, Mr. Bader suddenly accelerated and drove off. A high speed chase ensued with speeds reaching 90 miles per hour. Approximately five minutes into the pursuit, Jeffrey Bader crashed his vehicle into a guard rail. When Deputy Bisset approached the vehicle, Mr. Bader came out of his car and attacked him. As Officer Karr went to Deputy Bisset's aid, Mr. Bader attacked her, wrapping his forearm around her throat and neck. Before Officer Karr went to the ground he yelled, "I'm going to kill her." Officer Karr then shot Mr. Bader in the leg and arrested him. He has since recovered from his injury and faces charges including Attempted 1st Degree Murder-After Deliberation, a Class 2 Felony. His next court appearance is a plea hearing, which is set for September 4, 2018 in Teller County, Colorado. As with all defendants, Jeffrey Bader is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Colorado Revised Statutes §18-1-707 provides that an officer is justified in using deadly force if he or she reasonably believes that it is necessary to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be the imminent use of deadly physical force.

The District Attorney's Office reviews all incidents involving a discharged weapon by an officer. The facts and evidence from this investigation show that Cripple Creek Police Officer Karr acted reasonably.

Thus, based on the law and the facts, the investigation has determined that her actions were justified under the law of the State of Colorado. No criminal charges will be pursued.