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Chief Steven Drew  
Newport News Police Department  
9710 Jefferson Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23605

RE: Officer Involved Shooting on June 15, 2024

Dear Chief Drew:

Our Office has reviewed the administrative investigation file for the officer involved shooting that occurred on June 15, 2024, at 1170 Jobs Place in the City of Newport News. It is the legal opinion of the Commonwealth Attorney's Office that Officer J. Cameron was justified in using deadly force against Monae Kathleen Bonaparte who pointed her firearm towards Officer Cameron after numerous warnings to stay away from the weapon. Officer Cameron had a reasonable fear that Ms. Bonaparte posed an immediate threat of death or great bodily harm to him and others in the immediate vicinity. The Commonwealth's Office will not seek any criminal charges against Officer Cameron regarding the fatal shooting of Monae Kathleen Bonaparte.

Should you have questions or wish to discuss the matter further, please do not hesitate to contact our office. My direct number is (757) 926-7368.

Sincerely,

Valerie S. Muth  
Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney  
City of Newport News