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DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

TO: Media Members

FROM: Stephen M. Wagstaffe, District Attorney

SUBJECT: April 7, 2021 Officer Involved Shooting Daly City Police Department

The District Attorney's Office is conducting an investigation into an officer involved fatal shooting that occurred on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at approximately 2:00 P.M. in the 700 block of Niantic Avenue in Daly City. This investigation will be ongoing over the next two months. A brief summary of the case is set forth below to provide the public with a broad overview of the circumstances as presently known.

On the afternoon of April 7, 2021, a Daly City Police Officer came upon a parked truck with a damaged rear tire. The vehicle was occupied by three individuals: a male in the driver's seat, a female in the back seat and 44 year old decedent Roger Cornelius Allen, a San Francisco resident, in the front passenger seat. The police officer approached the vehicle and spoke with the driver about the tire and the possible need for assistance. A second officer joined the first officer as the contact with the driver continued. The driver was cooperative and got out of the vehicle to discuss the vehicle problem. Two additional officers arrived and stood on the passenger side of the truck. The front passenger door was open. Within seconds the officers saw what appeared to be a Glock firearm (handgun) on the lap of passenger Roger Allen. The officers yelled out there was a gun and Mr. Allen picked the gun up and held it in his hand. One of the officers on the passenger side leaned into the truck and grabbed Mr. Allen's hand and the gun to prevent it being fired at the officers or the other vehicle occupants.

During the struggle with the firearm, the barrel of the weapon was pointed in the direction of the officer and driver outside the driver door and at this point, that officer outside the driver's door was struck in the forehead by an unidentified small object causing a minor abrasion. The struggle with the gun continued and the gun swung back and was pointed directly at the face of the officer struggling with Mr.

Allen over the gun. The second officer on the passenger side of the vehicle was unable to get into the struggle over the gun due to the small space in which the struggle was occurring. When that officer saw the gun pointed at the face of the officer struggling with Mr. Allen, he reported he feared that his fellow officer was going to be shot in the face. He fired his service handgun at Mr. Allen twice, with one shot striking Mr. Allen in the chest and the other shot missing and lodging inside the vehicle. Mr. Allen was removed from the truck and emergency medical efforts were initiated. Mr. Allen was transported to San Francisco General Hospital where he died approximately 90 minutes later.

The driver of the truck and the female passenger were both cooperative with investigators and provided detailed statements about the incident.

Daly City police officers are not presently equipped with body cameras. There is no body cam video or other video in this case. The Glock handgun in Mr. Allen's possession turned out to be a replica handgun that was stamped with the word Glock. It is not a firearm. There was no orange tape around the tip of the gun to show that it was not a real firearm. A photograph of the handgun is attached to this release.

The release of the names of the involved police officers is the responsibility of the Daly City Police Department. If anyone has information relevant to this incident, please call the District Attorney's Office, Chief Inspector William Massey at (650) 363-4883.

