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NEWS RELEASE

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Updated information, Philip Amonette Shooting

Rifle, Colorado: On March 11, 2011 the investigation by the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, and the legal review and analysis performed by the Office of the District Attorney for the 9th Judicial District, into the shooting of Philip Michael Amonette was completed.

Based upon the investigation, review and analysis, the Office of the District Attorney for the 9th Judicial District has concluded that under applicable Colorado law no criminal charges can be filed or proven against the Rifle Police officer for the shooting of Mr. Amonette.

The Garfield County Sheriff's Office investigated the officer involved shooting at the request of Chief Daryl Meisner, Rifle Police Department and Martin Beeson, 9th Judicial District Attorney. The District Attorney's complete findings and conclusions will be made available to the public upon completion of the case involving criminal charges against Mr. Amonette. Those charges are merely accusations at this point. Mr. Amonette is presumed innocent unless and until he is proven guilty.

The mission of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office is to provide solutions for the people by utilizing and employing strong morals, good character, untarnished integrity, technical knowledge and fiscal responsibility through professional, ethical and equitable conduct.

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