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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cole County Prosecuting Attorney Locke Thompson announced today that no criminal charges will be filed against any Jefferson City Police Department Officers involving the death of Anthony J. Wilson on the evening of April 15, 2020.

At approximately 10:00 p.m. on the evening of April 15th, officers with the Jefferson City Police Department became involved in a vehicle pursuit with a silver passenger car with Florida registration that matched the description of a vehicle involved in a series of prior shootings. The driver of the vehicle was later identified as Jamie T. Williams, and the front seat passenger as Anthony J. Wilson. Both Williams and Wilson exited the still-moving vehicle in the area of East Atchison Street and attempted to flee on foot. During the foot pursuit, Wilson pulled a handgun and fired two shots, striking a JCPD officer in the torso from close range before being shot by return gunfire from another officer. Wilson was pronounced dead at the scene. Williams, who was apprehended later that evening, was charged with felony murder, resisting arrest, driving while revoked, and possession of a controlled substance.

After a complete review of the investigative file, Cole County Prosecutor Locke Thompson has determined that the actions of officers that evening were lawful and appropriate under the circumstances, and that no charges will be filed. The Cole County Prosecutor's Office will have no further comment on the matter.