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TO: All Media Outlets
FROM: Wm. Locke Thompson, Cole County Prosecutor
RE: 01-03-2021 JCPD Officer-Involved Shooting

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cole County Prosecutor Locke Thompson announced today that no charges will be filed against Jefferson City Police Department (JCPD) officers for the death of James Reising, 59, after he was fatally shot in Jefferson City earlier this month.

On January 3, 2021 officers responded to the Wildwood Shopping Center for a disturbance call. Upon arriving at the scene, officers contacted Reising, who was extremely agitated and holding a knife while standing near his vehicle. While officers attempted to de-escalate the situation, Reising gripped the knife in an overhand position and charged at officers with the knife held over his head. Officers fired at Reising and then immediately began attempting life-saving measures until an ambulance arrived. Reising was later pronounced dead at St. Mary's Hospital. A subsequent search of Reising's vehicle revealed evidence of methamphetamine and alcohol use.

Pursuant to JCPD policy, the shooting was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol's Division of Drug and Crime Control. After a review of the investigative file, the Cole County Prosecutor's Office has determined that the officers involved acted appropriately in self-defense and in defense of others; therefore, no criminal charges will be filed.