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Sheriff Mark Wood  
701 Murray Street  
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Re: Deputy Rodney Anderson and Derrick J.  
Kittling  
LSP Report # 22-132977

Sheriff Wood:

My office has recently received and reviewed the above-referenced Louisiana State Police investigation concerning the November 6, 2022 interaction between Rapides Deputy Sheriff Rodney Anderson and Derrick J. Kittling during a traffic stop. As a result of that encounter, Kittling was fatally shot by Deputy Anderson. Video evidence showed that Kittling's initial non-compliance escalated into a physical fight with Deputy Anderson. That fight resulted in the shooting of Kittling. A review of the evidence shows that Dep. Anderson's life and well-being were threatened in the discharge of his routine duties.

After a comprehensive review, the evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that the actions of Deputy Anderson were justified. Anderson was placed in reasonable fear of death or great bodily harm by the acts of Kittling. No criminal responsibility can be found, as Anderson legally exercised his right to self-defense and self-preservation. There is no probable cause of criminal responsibility to present to a Grand Jury. Deputy Anderson was in circumstances where use of deadly force was legally justified.

There will be no charges from this incident for Deputy Rodney Anderson.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phillip Terrell".

Phillip Terrell  
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