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## PRELIMINARY REPORT

#### OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY

### Critical Incident

# **Bloomington Police Department**

April 12, 2023

Incident:

Officer Involved Shooting

Date:

March 30, 2023

Location:

902 Turnberry Drive, Bloomington, Illinois

Analysis team:

Erika Reynolds, McLean County State's Attorney

Bradly Rigdon, First Assistant State's Attorney- Criminal

### Conclusion:

On March 30, 2023, officers from the Bloomington Police Department were dispatched to a shots-fired situation and, through their quick thinking and precise action, engaged in a heroic course of conduct that prevented this highly dangerous situation from resulting in any civilian casualties. The McLean County State's Attorney's Office has reviewed written reports of the responding officers, body-worn camera footage of the responding officers, and reports of the Illinois State Police investigating officers, and has met with the Illinois State Police investigators multiple times.

The McLean County State's Attorney's Office finds that the course of conduct engaged in by the officers was justified, reasonable, and necessary to protect the public and themselves from great bodily harm and loss of life. Their actions prevented the loss of life and are to be commended.

It is clear that upon arrival, the officers were aware that there was an armed subject within the apartment building who had already discharged a firearm. Upon their arrival, the armed subject pointed his firearm directly at the officers and the officers discharged their firearms at the armed subject. The fact that the armed subject pointed his firearm directly at the officers was described within their written reports and was also visible on the body-worn camera footage. The armed subject was struck by one bullet which rendered him incapacitated. The officers then immediately rendered aid to the armed subject by removing him from the hallway to a location where paramedics could render medical treatment and providing first aid, thereby helping to ensure the survival of the armed subject. Those efforts by the officers certainly helped save the life of the armed subject.

It is the unequivocal opinion of the McLean County State's Attorney that the Bloomington Police Department officers were legally justified in their use of force against this subject on March 30, 2023.