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Please reply to: Adult Criminal & Administrative Divisions

Jefferson County Prosecuting Attorney
Attn: Michael Haas
P.O. Box 1220
Port Townsend, WA 98368

Re: *State of Washington v. Darrin Lewis Dotson*
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office - Report No. 16-8971
Our File No. 16-225406-1

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JEFFERSON COUNTY
PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Greetings—

Enclosed you will please find a copy of the declination notice regarding the investigation of Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Deputy Darrin Dotson that was referred to our office for review. A copy has also been forwarded to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for their records as well.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (360) 337-4957.

Sincerely yours,

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Decline to Prosecute Notice

TO: Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
FROM: Ione S. George, WSBA No. 18236, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney
REPLY TO: Adult Criminal & Administrative Divisions
DATE: October 14, 2016
SUSPECT: Darrin Lewis Dotson, 05/31/1969
81 Olympus Boulevard
Port Ludlow, Wa 98365

Crime Classification – Gross Misdemeanor/Misdemeanor
Offense Date – July 18, 2016

YOUR REPORT NUMBER – SEQUIM PD #2016-7919; JCSO #16-8971
REFERRED BY – SEQUIM PD DETECTIVE SEAN MADISON

Seized personal property? None
Seized contraband? None
Rape kit? None
Seized firearm? None

Reason(s) for Decline to Prosecute

Our decline reason – Insufficient Evidence Beyond A Reasonable Doubt

Insufficient evidence of a criminal act or of criminal intent. Dotson's statement is that when Hanson turned toward him and swore, he perceived that Sgt. Apeland had lost control of Hanson and/or did not have adequate control over Hanson, placing him in fear that at that moment, Hanson remained a threat, and that he reacted accordingly. Regardless of whether his actions were an appropriate use of force or were in accordance of department policy, there is no evidence that Deputy Dotson's actions in attempting to restrain Hanson's movement were done with a criminal intent, nor is there sufficient evidence to prove the same, beyond a reasonable doubt.

Note—After speaking with the Deputy Prosecutor who made the decision to decline to prosecute, you may appeal the decline decision to Felony and Juvenile Division Chief Chad Enright, District and Municipal Division Chief Kevin Kelly, or Prosecuting Attorney Tina Robinson

Decline letter to victim? Not applicable

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