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The investigation by the East Idaho Critical Incident Task Force of the officer involved shooting involving Bonneville County Sheriff's Deputies on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 has been completed and reviewed by the Bonneville County Prosecuting Attorney. The incident began at approximately 3:30am that morning and involved a vehicle driven by 30-year-old Joshua Ramirez of Idaho Falls. Ramirez was observed by Dep. Ian McMurtrey crossing the center line on N. Woodruff Ave. near 12<sup>th</sup> St. almost striking the Deputy's vehicle.

Deputy McMurtrey turned around and initiated an attempt at a traffic stop on Ramirez's vehicle, who continued to drive northbound weaving across lanes and failing to pull over. After traveling just over a mile, Dep. McMurtrey was able to utilize a Pursuit Immobilization Technique (P.I.T.) to stop the vehicle's movement. Deputies Zach Skidmore and Jed Judy responded to the area to assist and were with Dep. McMurtrey when Ramirez's vehicle was stopped.

After the vehicle was stopped, Ramirez made several movements back and forth pointing his fingers at Deputies and trying to re-start the vehicle. During that time Deputies gave multiple verbal commands to Ramirez to stop moving and to put his hands up which he did not do. As Deputy McMurtrey moved in closer to the passenger door attempting to gain entry, Ramirez lunged toward him over the passenger seat causing McMurtrey to retreat and Dep. Skidmore to discharge his weapon hitting him multiple times.

Deputies pulled Ramirez from the vehicle and began medical aid with the assistance of arriving area officers until Idaho Falls Ambulance arrived and took over. Ramirez was transported to the hospital where he later died from his injuries.

The Bonneville County Sheriff's Office extends its deepest sympathies to the Ramirez family. We recognize the traumatic effect of this incident on everyone involved. The taking of a life in the course of our professional duty is a serious matter deserving of a complete and thorough investigation. We appreciate the work and professionalism by investigators from the Critical Incident Task Force who are tasked with putting the pieces of these incidents together for review.

The Bonneville County Sheriff's Office works hard to analyze its processes and policies on a continual basis to make sure we are serving the community in the best way possible. We are committed to our overall mission of upholding the law and keeping Bonneville County Safe.

Sheriff Samuel M. Hulse

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Samuel M. Hulse".