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District Attorney

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Chief William Scott
San Francisco Police Department
1245 3rd Street, 6th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94158

Re: Non-Injury Officer-Involved Shooting involving Joel Armstrong on February 17, 2018. SFPD No. 180 127 629

Dear Chief Scott:

My office's Independent Investigations Bureau (IIB) has completed its review of the officer-involved shooting involving Joel Armstrong and multiple San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) officers on February 17, 2018. After a thorough review of this matter, we are declining to file criminal charges against SFPD Officers Christopher Cotter (Star #1364), Matthew Nazar (Star #2093), Robby Willkom (Star #4172), Steven Oesterich (Star #880), Anthony Sharron (Star #382), Glennon Griffin (Star #1502), and Gregory Buhagiar (Star #1277).

IIB focused exclusively on evaluating whether criminal charges relating to the officers' conduct are warranted. We did not examine nor are we offering any opinions on non-criminal collateral issues such as officers' compliance with internal SFPD policies and procedures, their training or tactics, or any issues related to civil liability. Although IIB typically releases public reports for officer-involved shootings, we are delaying doing so here because there are pending criminal charges against Mr. Armstrong stemming from this incident. To maintain the integrity of that prosecution, we will release the report after such charges are resolved to avoid, among other things, prejudicing any proceedings related to his pending criminal case, to prevent tainting the jury pool, and to avoid tampering with the recollections of any witness. *See, e.g.* ABA Standard 3-1.10.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you and your Department for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



GEORGE GASCÓN
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