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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: May 11, 2018 Non-Injury Officer-Involved Shooting involving Hershel Hale and former Officer William Reininger; SFPD No. 180-350-284.

Dear Chief Scott:

My office's Independent Investigations Bureau (IIB) has completed its review of the officer-involved shooting involving Hershel Hale and former San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) Officer William J. Reininger (Star #374) on May 11, 2018. After a thorough review of this matter, we are declining to file criminal charges against former Officer Reininger.

IIB focused exclusively on evaluating whether the officer's conduct warrants criminal charges. We did not examine nor are we offering any opinions on non-criminal issues such as compliance with internal SFPD policies and procedures, training and 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. Hale 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
District Attorney