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DA FINDS FATAL OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN JOSHUA TREE LEGALLY JUSTIFIED

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the officer-involved shooting of James Murray, 20, of Joshua Tree, by San Bernardino County Sheriff's Deputies Justin Beaver and Timothy Preston on December 31, 2010.

The District Attorney's Office stated that under the laws of self-defense and defense of others, the shootings by Deputies Beaver and Preston were legally justified, and no criminal liability exists on the part of any of the officers.

Based on the reasonable fear created by the subject pointing a firearm at Deputy Beaver from just a couple of feet away, both deputies were justified in firing their weapons in defense of themselves and each other.

The report of the written case evaluation is attached or is available by contacting Christopher Lee at the District Attorney's Office at (909) 382-3665.

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