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Albany County Grand Jury Returns No Bill in Use of Force Incident

ALBANY, NY – District Attorney P. David Soares today announced that an Albany County Grand Jury cleared Albany Police Detective James Olsen of any criminal wrongdoing in relation to an on-duty discharge of his service weapon that struck an alleged fleeing suspect on August 20, 2018 in the rear of 395 Elk Street in the City of Albany.

An Albany County Grand Jury returned a No Bill of Indictment in the case after hearing from witnesses and reviewing evidence related to the incident over a three week presentation led by Chief Assistant District Attorney David Rossi.

“It is my job as District Attorney to conduct a thorough and independent investigation into officer involved use of force incidents separate and apart from an initial police investigation,” commented District Attorney David Soares. “This matter was fully and thoroughly investigated by my staff before being submitted for consideration for potential charges by an independent Grand Jury. The members of the Grand Jury considered all of the evidence presented to them over a span of three weeks and weighed all of the factors to determine justification for Detective Olsen’s actions, ultimately finding that his actions fell within the limits of the law.”

For more information, please contact Cecilia Walsh at (518) 275-4710.

All parties are presumed innocent unless and until convicted

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