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CC: Hamilton County Sheriff's Office- Sheriff Austin Garrett, Chief Deputy Spencer Daniels
CC: Chattanooga Police Department Chief John Chambers, Deputy Chief Toby Hewitt
CC: TBI Special Agent Keith Herron, TBI Special Agent Mark Wilson

Incident: Officer Involved Shooting

Involved Law Enforcement:

Jorge Araiza, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Brevin Cameron, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Teddy Dyer, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Cory Mullins, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Michael Korter, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office
Christopher Dyess, Chattanooga Police Department
Courtland Moore, Chattanooga Police Department

Suspect/Deceased:

Erick C. Roberson DOB 08/27/1986
Incident date: July 21, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

On July 21, 2025, I was notified of an officer involved shooting that occurred in the drive-thru lane at the McDonalds restaurant on Highway 58 in Hamilton County, Tennessee. Subsequently, and pursuant to statewide protocol, I formally requested that the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation investigate the incident.

The investigation revealed the following:

On July 21, 2025 Deputy Cory Mullins with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office ("HCSO") received a license plate reader ("LPR") notification for a vehicle registered to Erick Roberson who had arrest warrants from Bradley County, Tennessee. Deputy Mullins located the vehicle registered to Roberson at the McDonalds on Highway 58. Deputy Mullins called for backup in order to effectuate an arrest of Roberson. Multiple sheriff's deputies and police officers arrived on scene.

Deputies attempted to effectuate the arrest of Roberson by using their patrol vehicles to essentially block Roberson in the drive-thru lane so that he could not flee. At this time, deputies began making verbal commands for Roberson to show his hands. Specifically, HCSO Lieutenant Brevin Cameron was in Roberson's direct line of sight and was loudly giving commands for Roberson to show his hands. According to video footage, Roberson failed to show his hands. Although Roberson had been "blocked in" by patrol vehicles, he appeared to be attempting to

maneuver his vehicle in a way that could reasonably be construed as an attempt to flee or an attempt to strike patrol vehicles. Video footage from the McDonalds shows Roberson's vehicle moving in a slight backward and then forward direction. At one point it can be observed that Roberson seemingly attempts to cut his wheels to the left, towards the McDonalds, which is where the largest gap was in the event Roberson was able to flee.

It is observable in video footage that Roberson does in fact strike at least one patrol vehicle in his attempt to maneuver his vehicle. It is also observable, through sight and sound, that Roberson's vehicle appears to be accelerating at the time he is receiving commands to show his hands.

While the traffic stop of Roberson was initially that of the HCSO, officers with the Chattanooga Police Department also arrived on scene as backup.

When Roberson would not comply with commands and continued to attempt to accelerate his vehicle, along with the vehicle moving in a forward direction and hitting a sheriff's office vehicle, multiple deputies and officers deployed their department-issued firearms in the direction of the suspect, striking the suspect with multiple shots. The suspect was taken to Erlanger Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries.

The case file submitted to the District Attorney was prepared by TBI Special Agent Keith Herron. The file includes but is not limited to, case reports, crime scene reports, photos, crime scene videos, videos collected from McDonalds, body-worn camera footage, witness interviews including the interviews of the officers and deputies involved.

When reviewing officer involved shooting investigations the role of the District Attorney is to determine whether there is criminal liability on the part of the law enforcement officers involved. This determination includes consideration of whether the State would be able to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that a law enforcement officer or officers committed a criminal offense *and* whether the State could prove that a criminal offense occurred beyond a reasonable doubt. The District Attorney does not review the evidence to determine or comment on law enforcement agency policies, protocols, or tactical decisions. The District Attorney does not review the evidence to determine if he or she agrees with the decisions of law enforcement.

Through much deliberation and upon review of the case file, the State does not believe that a jury of twelve citizens from Hamilton County would find any deputy or officer involved in this incident criminally liable for the death of Erick Roberson.

For these reasons, the State will not be seeking a criminal indictment for the actions of the deputies and officers. Therefore, the review of the District Attorney is officially closed.



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