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On Monday, May 16, 2022, I received the completed Final Force Investigation Team Report (including the embedded [REDACTED] analysis report) relative to the officer-involved-[REDACTED] of [REDACTED] on March 25, 2022. This report was procedurally delayed due to the need to finalize the [REDACTED] analysis and I approved an extension. Relevant policies concerning force investigation elements will be edited and amended to reflect new legal requirements and technological capabilities.

I have reviewed the investigative report of the Force Investigation Team and concur with their findings.

On March 25, 2022, Officer Christopher Coffey and Officer Nicholas Sondrini arrived on-scene to discover [REDACTED] engaged in a pushing altercation with [REDACTED] and armed with a large kitchen knife. Based on the totality of circumstances, both officers reasonably and appropriately assessed the degree of threat as [REDACTED]. In response to this [REDACTED] threat officers utilized de-escalation techniques including verbal direction and creating distance. They also attempted to employ less [REDACTED] means to gain compliance. These attempts were unsuccessful.

Officers continued to create distance, traveling approximately 120' until, having traveled into an active travel lane, where Officer Coffey was nearly struck by a moving vehicle, they could retreat no farther. At this point in time, when [REDACTED] turned his attention to Officer Sondrini and continued to advance, Officer Sondrini discharged his [REDACTED] twice in order to stop the immediate threat.

Officer Sondrini's use of [REDACTED] force to stop an imminent [REDACTED] threat was both reasonable and necessary. This use of force is in compliance with all relevant department Policies and Procedures and training guidelines. The use of force and subsequent rendering of aid are also in compliance with Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulation 550 CMR 6.00.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Wynn".

Michael J. Wynn
Chief of Police