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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SALT LAKE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY DETERMINES WEST VALLEY CITY
POLICE OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING “NOT JUSTIFIED.”**

Salt Lake City, UT | The Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill recently informed the West Valley City Police Department that the DA’s Office determined that West Valley City Police Officer Jared Cardon’s use of deadly force on May 24, 2011 at 5275 West 3500 South, West Valley City, Utah, was not justified under Utah state law.

The Office of the Salt Lake County District Attorney, Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney is required by Utah State law, and operates pursuant to an agreement with participating law enforcement agencies, consistent with established protocols and applicable law, to perform joint investigations and independent reviews of officer involved critical incidents, including police officers’ use of deadly (including potentially deadly) force used in the scope of police officers’ official duties.

The findings and conclusions of the above referenced incident, as supported by the facts developed during the joint investigation of the incident are contained in the attached letter to West Valley City Police Chief Thayne “Buzz” Nielson.

Having determined that Officer Cardon’s use of force was not justified, the DA’s Office now considers whether, and if so which Utah statutes Officer Cardon may have violated as a result of his use of deadly force. The West Valley City Police Department and Officer Cardon will be informed of the results of this analysis once it is completed. The time required to complete this analysis is unknown.

Inquiries regarding this matter should be directed to District Attorney Sim Gill via the contact information above.

All persons accused of a criminal offense are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

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