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**Preliminary Status Report of Danbury State's Attorney Stephen J. Sedensky III
concerning the Use of Deadly Force in Ansonia on January 2, 2020 and the
Release of Body Camera Video**

On the evening of January 2, 2020 at approximately 7:50 p.m., police officers of the Ansonia Police Department were dispatched to 81 Myrtle Avenue, Ansonia in response to a domestic violence complaint filed by a female citizen when she walked into the Ansonia Police Department earlier that evening. The domestic violence complaint included a violation of a "no contact" protective order that had been issued by a Judge of the Superior Court against 30 year old Michael Gregory, a white male of Hispanic ethnicity.

When Ansonia police officers Sergeant Christopher Flynn, Officer Brendon Nelson and Wojciech Podgorski arrived at the 81 Myrtle St. apartment they encountered Michael Gregory who reportedly brandished a knife at the police officers. During the encounter the police attempted the use of a taser to subdue Mr. Gregory. Thereafter at least one shot was fired from the pistol of one of the officers striking Mr. Gregory.

An ambulance was called for Mr. Gregory and he was transported to a hospital. Mr. Gregory died of the gunshot wound. Thereafter the Chief State's Attorney assigned this state's attorney to the investigation. Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad and I responded to the scene.

An autopsy was conducted at the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner on January 3, 2020. The cause of death was determined to be a gunshot wound and the manner of death a homicide.

The Ansonia police officers were wearing body cameras that recorded the incident. These recordings have been released by the Connecticut State Police and are online at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uh_IM5eEG5s&feature=youtu.be.

The existence of a video recording does not end the inquiry. Western Major Crime Squad will continue with the investigation, obtaining witness statements, medical and toxicology and scientific reports as necessary. When this is completed the entire investigation will be reviewed before any decisions are made and a report issued.

I extend my condolences to Mr. Gregory's family and will work with the Connecticut State Police Western District Major Crime Squad to complete this investigation in a timely manner for the benefit of both Mr. Gregory's family and the police officer involved.

January 16, 2020

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephen J. Sedensky III".

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