

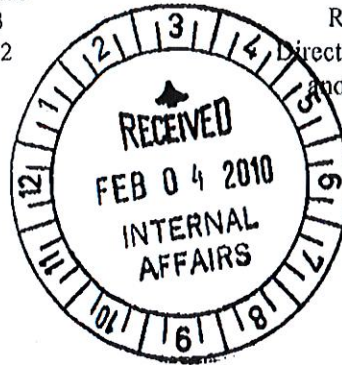


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January 29, 2010

Dear Chief Demings:

I have reviewed the investigation of the incident involving Officer Chris Jackson wherein Palin Perez was shot and killed on November 25, 2009.

The incident was thoroughly investigated by Special Agent Daniel Warren of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and forwarded to my office. The investigation revealed that on Friday, November 20, 2009 Mandy Small went to Court regarding an injunction hearing against Palin Perez. The two have three children, Avianna (age 9), Anzel (age 7) and Zoraida (age 3). At the hearing, Ms. Small and Mr. Perez reconciled and Ms. Small agreed to come over to Mr. Perez' residence with the three children on Sunday, November 22, 2009.

On November 22, 2009, Ms. Small and the three children arrived at Mr. Perez' residence located at 1621 E. Livingston Street, Orlando, Florida and spent several hours with Mr. Perez. At approximately 2:30 pm, Ms. Small told Mr. Perez it was time for her and the children to leave. Mr. Perez took Ms. Small's telephone from her, smashed it on the ground and jumped on top of Ms. Small. Mr. Perez then pulled a firearm and held it to Ms. Small's throat. During the next few days, Mr. Perez held Ms. Small and the three children against their will within his residence. During that time, Mr. Perez repeatedly beat and raped Ms. Small. Ms. Small's account of the events are supported by the interviews Child Protection Team members conducted of the three children, who stated Mr. Perez slapped Ms. Small in the head with a firearm, poured gasoline at the front door so cops could not enter the residence and threatened to shoot himself.

On November 25, 2009, at approximately 9 am, Ms. Small escaped from Mr. Perez' residence to get help for her children she had to leave behind. Upon escape, Ms. Small contacted the Orlando Police Department, whose members established a perimeter around Mr. Perez' residence. Hostage and Crisis negotiators spent several hours attempting to get Mr. Perez to surrender and at some point Mr. Perez stated he was going to exit the residence with the children, carrying a handgun. Upon exiting the residence, numerous members of the Orlando Police Department noticed that Mr. Perez, who was wearing camouflage

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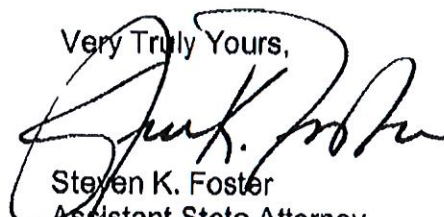
body armor, appeared agitated. Mr. Perez was also holding a firearm in his right hand toward his head and was using his three children as human shields in front of him. At that point, members of the Orlando Police Department, including Officer Chris Jackson, confronted Mr. Perez in an attempt to rescue the children.

Prior to Mr. Perez exiting the residence, Officer Chris Jackson learned that Mr. Perez was wearing body armor, had two handguns and previous experience in law enforcement and the military. Officer Chris Jackson was further informed Mr. Perez had placed a bomb at the front door, nailed the front door shut and poured gasoline within the residence while threatening to set the residence on fire with himself and the three children inside.

When Mr. Perez exited the residence, Officer Chris Jackson was positioned directly behind Officer Justin Mount, who was carrying a shield. The two of them were also directly in front of Mr. Perez. Based upon Mr. Perez' past and current actions, Officer Chris Jackson believed the three children as well as the surrounding members of the Orlando Police Department were in imminent danger. When Mr. Perez moved forward toward him and Officer Justin Mount, Officer Chris Jackson fired one shot at Mr. Perez, fatally wounding him.

Taking note of the law enforcement decision not to forward a charging affidavit to the Office of the State Attorney based on their investigation, and after a complete review of the investigative reports, I find that Officer Chris Jackson's actions were justified and no criminal charges are warranted. This office considers our review of this investigation completed.

Very Truly Yours,



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