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Grand Jury returns not true bill decision in October 10, 2018 fatal officer involved shooting

Today, Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill announced that upon the conclusion of testimony in a two day proceeding, a grand jury returned a not true bill regarding the use of force by a Portland Police Bureau (PPB) officer that resulted in the death of 30-year-old Samuel Rice.

The grand jury's not true bill decision means they have determined no criminal prosecution is warranted, and that the use of deadly force against Mr. Rice by PPB Officer Kelly VanBlokland was a lawful act in the defense of a third person, pursuant to Oregon law.

This investigation began on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, following the report of a disturbance in the 7600 block of Southeast 82nd Avenue. Upon arrival, officers learned Mr. Rice was in a room at the motel holding a woman hostage. As officers attempted to contact Mr. Rice, he threatened the life of the woman who was inside the motel room.

A copy of the information previously released in this case from the Portland Police Bureau can be obtained by clicking [here](#) and scrolling to the middle of the webpage.

The grand jurors who reviewed this case are Multnomah County community members. Each grand juror was selected by Multnomah County's Chief Criminal Judge from the regularly scheduled empaneled grand jury. This is a process set by Oregon's Constitution.

Like in the past, the grand jury proceedings in this case were recorded, in accordance to ORS 132.260.

Pursuant to ORS.132.270, the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will file a motion with the court and request that the court release a transcript of the grand jury proceedings for public review.

Officer VanBlokland and/or his attorney has 10 days, upon the State filing its request, to move the court for a protective order regarding the release of the transcript or a portion of the transcript.

It shall be up to the Multnomah County Circuit Court Presiding Judge to determine if the motion to release the transcript will be granted.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office cannot comment any further on this case at this time.

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