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### **PASADENA POLICE DETECTIVES RECEIVE DNA RESULTS FROM FIREARM RECOVERED AT OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING SCENE**

**PASADENA, Calif.** – On Wednesday September 30, 2020, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau notified the Pasadena Police Department that DNA was obtained from the firearm recovered at the scene of the August 15, 2020 officer involved shooting. The swabbed DNA profile taken from the firearm was compared to the DNA sample obtained from Mr. McClain at the coroner's office. The lab's DNA Analysis Report identified only one person's DNA located on the slide (upper section) of the firearm and firmly establishes the link between the DNA on the firearm and Mr. McClain. The report also identified Mr. McClain's DNA on other parts of the firearm that were swabbed and the chain of custody of the firearm from the crime scene to the testing by this third party laboratory, will support these results.

The Pasadena Police Department's Homicide Detectives have worked diligently over the past several weeks to provide members of the Pasadena community with timely and accurate information. There have been a few individuals who have questioned the Police Department's contention that Mr. McClain was armed on the evening of August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Multiple attorneys have filed claims against the City seeking monetary amounts stemming from this unfortunate incident. However, this DNA evidence along with the officer's statements, the recorded statement of a witness who saw Mr. McClain throw the firearm, and the video evidence all point to the incident unfolding as initially described by the Police Department.

Pasadena Police Chief John E. Perez has issued the following statement:

*The loss of any life is extremely tragic and our prayers remain with the McClain family during this difficult period. In keeping with the commitment to transparency and accountability, it is my public responsibility to conduct thorough and detailed investigations to get to the truth of what led to the death of a community member. I remain concerned with false information and public statements which increase the distrust we are seeing in our public servants, placing them and their families in direct danger.*

*The Pasadena Police Department has shared with the public all available information, which is legally possible, regarding the August 15<sup>th</sup> incident. With the release of all unedited video and audio recordings less than a week after the officer involved shooting, the release of the involved officer's name, and now the DNA results, the Pasadena Police Department has provided the public with a complete view of this critical incident rather than a limited view.*

*These type of events are never easy, but it is imperative we continue to keep the members of the Pasadena community informed of our policing efforts. Our various investigations are ongoing and more will be shared when possible.*

Click this link to review the Critical Incident videos:

<https://www.cityofpasadena.net/police/critical-incident-briefings/critical-incident-ois-20008867-august-15-2020/>

Anyone with information about this case is encouraged to call Pasadena Police at (626)-744-4241 or you may report information anonymously by calling "Crime Stoppers" by dialing (800) 222-TIPS (8477), use your smartphone by downloading the "P3 Tips" Mobile APP on Google play or the Apple App Store or by using the website <http://lacrimestoppers.org>.

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