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Gentlemen:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of July 8th, concerning the fatal shooting of Miss Cynthia Scott.

Investigation of this case was made by the Homicide Bureau of our Detective Division, during the course of which all officers involved and all witnesses appeared before the Prosecuting Attorney and made formal statements.

The findings of the Prosecuting Attorney exonerated Patrolman Spicher, stating as follows:

"The only issue before this office is whether or not Officer Spicher was guilty of criminal negligence. The facts in this case indicate that the citizen, after having committed felonious assault with a knife upon Officer Spicher and his partner, Officer Robert Marshall, was fleeing from the scene of the crime. Under these circumstances, the law is clear that the officer had a legal right to take the necessary steps to apprehend the fleeing felon."

In view of these facts, and the absence of evidence to indicate a violation of department rules, we consider the case closed.

Very truly yours,


Superintendent

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