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**Shooting by Sheriff's Sergeant and CHP Officer at Borderline Bar & Grill Justified**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that the review of the circumstances surrounding the November 7, 2018, shooting at the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks, California, by Ventura County Sheriff's Sergeant Ronald Helus and California Highway Patrol Officer Todd Barrett has been completed.

The full report, authored by Senior Deputy District Attorney Christopher Harman, is available on the Ventura County District Attorney's website

(<https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/2020/12/december-17-2020/>) and explains the District Attorney's conclusions that Sergeant Helus and Officer Barrett acted reasonably, and their use of deadly force in self-defense and defense of others was justified.

A video recording of District Attorney Gregory Totten's introductory remarks is available here:

<https://youtu.be/Q0w9wXUtkYE>.

**Updated December 19, 2020: The following videos have been removed. Please contact the Ventura County District Attorney's Office at 805-654-2500 for more information.**

A video compilation of the Borderline officer-involved shooting is available here:

<https://youtu.be/EJ6SDNXTKcI>.

Additional source videos of the officer-involved shooting are available here:

- [https://youtu.be/KSJII\\_u5NIE](https://youtu.be/KSJII_u5NIE)
- [https://youtu.be/b62d\\_8s-gpw](https://youtu.be/b62d_8s-gpw)

- [https://youtu.be/hmjebkm\\_Bk](https://youtu.be/hmjebkm_Bk)
- <https://youtu.be/PQN2W6cKUkA>
- <https://youtu.be/qQWVvWbAYWA>

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