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**Shooting by Sheriff's Sergeant and Deputy Justified**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that the review by the District Attorney's Office of the circumstances surrounding the October 10, 2018, shooting of Michael Johnson by Ventura County Sheriff's Sergeant Russell King and Deputy Justyn Czyrkli has been completed.

The full report, authored by Senior Deputy District Attorney Stacy Ratner, is available on the Ventura County District Attorney's website (<https://www.vcdistrictattorney.com/2020/10/October-2-2020-ois-report/>) and explains the District Attorney's conclusions that Sergeant King and Deputy Czyrkli acted reasonably, and the killing of Michael Johnson was a justifiable homicide.

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