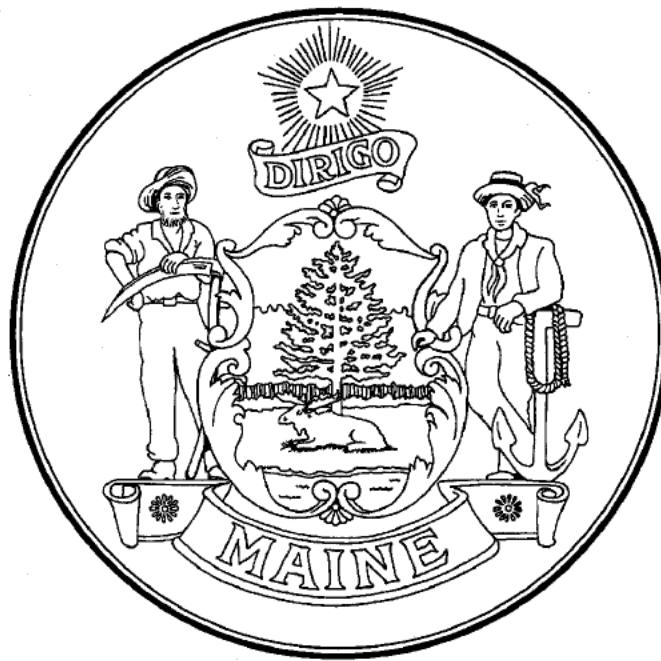


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December 28, 2022

The Hon. Anne M. Carney, Senate Chair
The Hon. Matthew W. Moonen, House Chair
Joint Standing Committee on Judiciary
100 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333

Dear Sen. Carney, Rep. Moonen, and Members of the Committee on Judiciary:

The Deadly Force Review Panel completed its 20th examination of a law enforcement officer's use of deadly force. Under Title 5, section 200(K)(7), "within 30 days of the conclusion of the examination of the use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer . . . the panel shall submit a report on the panel's activities, conclusions, and recommendations about the incident to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over judiciary matters." The report is enclosed.

The Panel examined the incident that occurred on November 18, 2020, in Lewiston, the details of which are part of the Panel's enclosed report.

For the Deadly Force Review Panel:

Francine Garland Stark, Chair

Enclosure

#19 – Lewiston (Somma)

Deadly Force Review Panel - Consideration of an incident in Lewiston on 11/18/2020 at around 4:23 a.m. when Corporal Jeremy Somma of the Lewiston Police Department discharged his weapon at Joshua Boyd.

Corporal Somma responded to a 911 call from a citizen stating that an armed man was in his apartment and he was concerned the armed man would hurt his friend. When Corporal Somma arrived at the apartment, Mr. Boyd exited the building and ran from Corporal Somma. Both men discharged their weapons but no one was injured.

The statute (Title 5, section 200-K) governing the Panel states that the Panel “shall examine deaths or serious injuries resulting from the use of deadly force by a law enforcement officer.” In this incident, although the law enforcement officer used deadly force, no death or serious injury resulted from his actions. Accordingly, the Panel declined to review this incident as it is not within its statutory authority to do so.