



## OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Jefferson and Gilpin Counties

September 8, 2015

Chief Bill Kilpatrick

Golden Police Department

Golden Colorado

Re: Death Investigation involving Robert Lindsay

Dear Chief Kilpatrick,

On July 28, 2015, our office was asked to assist your department with an investigation into the death of a fugitive that died after an arrest earlier that day. This individual's name was Robert Lindsay DOB 11/10/1963. Your agency originally was requested by the US Marshall's Office to assist them in apprehending a fugitive within the city of Golden on July 28, 2015. During those efforts, Mr. Lindsay fled his place of employment after US Marshalls entered the building. Mr. Lindsay was contacted shortly thereafter and placed in custody by law enforcement. In the patrol car, he suffered a medical emergency. Paramedics were called and he was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital where he later died. Several DA Investigators responded to the scene and assisted with the investigation and interviews of officers and federal agents.

While there was no evidence to believe that excessive force was involved in this matter, since this was an in-custody death, our office agreed to review the investigation. None of the ensuing investigative work done on this case has revealed any type of misconduct or any evidence of excessive force being applied to the suspect. Instead, based upon the autopsy conducted by forensic pathologist, Dr. Dawn Holmes, and the results of the NMS laboratory testing which Dr. Holmes requested, it has been determined that Mr. Lindsay died of complications from cyanide intoxication. According to family, he had previously mentioned that he carried a sodium cyanide capsule with him, "just in case". Apparently, on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015, when he realized that law enforcement had arrived to arrest him, sometime between that moment and when he collapsed inside the patrol vehicle, Mr. Lindsay swallowed this cyanide pill.

The results of the autopsy taken with all the additional investigation into the arrest of Mr. Lindsay provide clear evidence that there was no misconduct or wrongdoing by any law enforcement agents which resulted in any injury or harm to the suspect but, instead, the suspect committed suicide by poisoning himself.

Sincerely,

Peter Weir

District Attorney

1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District