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Agent Jennifer Straight
Brevard County Sheriff's Office
700 S. Park Ave.
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Re: Use of Force Investigative Case #18-00434257

Dear Agent Straight,

My office has completed a review of Investigative Case #18-00434257 that you submitted which involved the use of force by deputies at the Brevard County Jail Complex against Gregory Lloyd Edwards during his processing at the complex after having been arrested by the West Melbourne Police Department. Based on that review, I find that the use of force was entirely reasonable and justifiable under Chapter 776, Florida Statutes.

It is very clear from the investigation that Mr. Edwards' violent and unpredictable behavior at the business site where he was arrested prior to being brought to the jail complex is entirely consistent with the violent and unpredictable behavior exhibited at the jail which resulted in the use of force by the deputies. His unlawful and violent resistance to the efforts of the deputies to maintain control over him which resulted in a serious injury to a deputy, completely justified the escalation of use of force techniques to gain control. I further commend the efforts of the deputies and staff at the jail in the actions they took in attending to Mr. Edwards after it became apparent he was in distress.

I want to thank you for the thorough, timely and detailed investigation conducted by you and your agency. Your professionalism is much appreciated. Please let me know if you have any other questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Phil Archer

Cc: Sheriff Wayne Ivey