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VIDEO SHOWS OFFICERS SHOT KEVIN PETERSON, JR. FROM BEHIND

Seattle, WA – Today, the multi-agency team investigating the shooting death of Kevin Peterson Jr. released surveillance video that shows Peterson was shot from the back while running away from Clark County Sheriff's deputies.

Herrmann Law Group, a Washington state firm joins famed civil rights lawyer Ben Crump in representing Peterson's parents, Kevin Peterson Sr. and Tammi Bell, and the mother of Peterson's child, Olivia Selto. Herrmann Law Group and Ben Crump have successfully associated before on police shootings.

Kevin Peterson Sr., Peterson's father, said on behalf of the family, "Kevin recently became a father. He was excited about fatherhood. The Sheriff and others lied when they said Kevin shot at officers. Now we see the video, and Kevin's back was toward the officers, but they shot him anyway. They chased him down, trapped him, and killed him."

Initially, the Clark County Sheriff and others claimed Peterson shot at deputies. Investigators later said there was no evidence to support this claim.

Many questions remain unanswered. U.S. Bank surveillance video released by the investigative team was edited. The team admits, "video timestamps are not fully accurate." Herrmann Law Group and Crump are independently investigating the shooting.

"When law enforcement makes a false accusation, as they did in the shooting of Kevin, it's heartbreaking for the family," said Lara Herrmann of Herrmann Law Group. "The mistrust it creates affects the family and the community. Where's the apology from the Sheriff for the false accusation claiming Kevin shot at officers? Now they are

saying Kevin pointed a gun at officers, but the video doesn't show that. Instead, the video shows that Kevin was no threat. This raises a question of police protecting their own?"

Police officers initially contacted Peterson in an undercover sting operation involving Xanax, an anti-anxiety medication.

While Peterson was running away, Deputy Robert Anderson shot at him. Surveillance video from a U.S. Bank camera shows Peterson apparently falling from a shot that hit him from the back. He is still fleeing during the initial gun shots.

Anderson and two other deputies fired 34 rounds at Peterson. Four of the rounds struck him.

Mark Lindquist, a former prosecutor and attorney with Herrmann Law Group, said the firm has commissioned an independent autopsy and hired an independent investigator, John Visser from Investigative Solutions. Witnesses are encouraged to call 360.772.2415.

"Nobody should die over a fistful of Xanax," Lindquist said.

There have been numerous protests following the death of Peterson, included a candlelight vigil attended by hundreds.

Out of respect for the family of Kevin Peterson, Jr. who mourn this devastating loss, members of the family and Attorneys Ben Crump and Lara Herrmann will be available for comment at a later date.

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