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The City of Champaign Disagrees With ISP Conclusion

The City of Champaign learned this evening that the Illinois State Police (ISP) has concluded its criminal investigation into the June 5, 2011 incident. The ISP completed an independent review of the Champaign Police Department's Use of Force Investigation.

The ISP concluded that the officer followed departmental policy under the Champaign Police Department's Use of Force model.

The City disagrees with the ISP conclusion and believes that the independent review did not go far enough in its evaluation of the incident.

This does not end the City's inquiry into this incident.

City and Police Officials are currently communicating with Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). The City and Police Department anticipate that the FBI will conduct a full review and assessment of this incident.

City Officials also intend to request Council approval for the hiring of an independent firm to complete a thorough review of the Use of Force Policy and Training, application of the Use Of Force Policy, and the current procedures for reviewing Use of Force incidents and complaints. The independent firm will also complete a thorough investigation of the incident for the appeal of the citizen complaint.

City Officials stress that the state police inquiry was but one step in the process and they remain committed to a thorough review and evaluation of associated processes.