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GRAND JURY FINDS JUSTIFIABLE USE OF DEADLY FORCE IN OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTING

Washington County Attorney Doug Johnson announced today that a grand jury was convened to review evidence regarding the shooting of Gerald Edwin Propps, D.O.B. 10-11-1947, by a Stillwater police officer. Propps died on December 11, 2009, at his home at 1451 Greeley St., in Stillwater. The grand jury determined that Officer Bradley Allen was justified in his use of deadly force as a result of its investigation.

On December 11, 2009, police were called to the Propps residence on a medical call. While police were in route they learned that 62 year old Propps had shot his wife Trudy Hardie Propps, D.O.B. 10-12-1947. Officer Allen was the first one at the scene. He found Mrs. Propps lying in the hallway outside her apartment. Her daughter was at her side. Officer Allen entered the apartment and found Gerald Propps pointing a semi automatic handgun at him. Officer Allen shouted "Police – drop the gun!" three to four times. Propps then withdrew into another room and fired three times through the wall towards Officer Allen. Officer Allen came around the corner where Propps turned towards him, still armed. Officer Allen then was forced to shoot Propps with his semi automatic shotgun, killing him. Trudy Propps died later that day from the gunshot to the abdomen inflicted by her husband.

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