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NO CHARGES IN COLISEUM SHOOTING

The investigation into the shooting at the Denver Coliseum on January 30, 2016, in which one person was killed and several others were injured, has concluded; no criminal charges will be filed.

The extensive investigation, which has been ongoing since January 30th, confirmed that following a confrontation, shots were fired by both Derek Duran and Victor Mendoza. It was determined that Duran fired a shot first, injuring one person. Within a minute or so of that shot, Mendoza fired at Duran, grazing Duran's torso and hitting another man behind Duran. Duran immediately fired a shot at Mendoza, killing him.

The lengthy investigation was complicated in part by the large number of eyewitnesses and numerous 911 callers. In addition to the four people hit by gunfire, there were also two additional assault victims and a victim who had been stabbed during the incident.

The case was presented for consideration of charges yesterday, and the legal review concluded that there is no likelihood of a conviction due to the self-defense claim of Mr. Duran.

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Advisory note: Denver Police will address the media regarding this investigation today at 10:45a.m. at the Denver Police Administration Building located at 1331 Cherokee Street.