

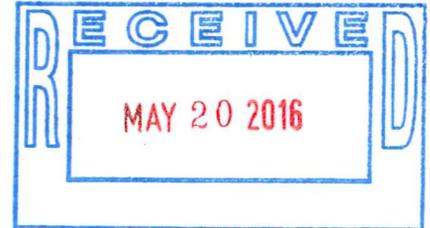


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May 13, 2016



The Honorable Linda Hudson
Mayor, City of Fort Pierce
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Dear Mayor Hudson:

This responds to your follow up letter to the U.S. Department of Justice, dated May 5, 2016, regarding the fatal shooting of Demarcus Semer by an officer of the Fort Pierce Police Department. In your letter, you state that the City Commission of the City of Fort Pierce reconsidered its previous decision and unanimously voted to ask that the Department of Justice initiate their own investigation into the matter.

Since the time of your initial letter, the Department has continued to monitor the local criminal investigation being conducted by the Sheriff of St. Lucie County and the State Attorney. After the conclusion of that investigation, we will review the results for possible violations of the federal criminal civil rights statutes and conduct any further investigation that may be appropriate. The Department will then make a determination as to whether a prosecutable violation of the federal criminal civil rights statutes exists and take appropriate action.

Thank you for letting the Department know of the City Commission's decision. Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

James F. Felte, Jr.
Deputy Chief