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AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

**DATE: Friday, December 30, 2022**

**RE: DA Press Release - No Charges in Death of Jermaine Jones, Jr.**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

A thorough review of the facts and circumstances surrounding the tasing death of Jermaine Jones, Jr. is complete. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) and its Division of Forensic Sciences (DOFS) did an initial investigation and autopsy. During a subsequent review of the case, the District Attorney's Office contracted a private medical examiner through Forensic Pathology Services. This measure was taken to ensure the proper medical conclusion had been reached, and to address concerns from Mr. Jones' family about the source and nature of the injuries. We requested the independent doctor analyze the facts of the case, review the autopsy findings, and render a separate opinion. The doctor concurred with the findings of the DOFS, provided further insight into how the conclusions were reached, and addressed the medical limitations in substantiating claims of alternative sources of injury. We release the reports of both the GBI and Forensic Pathology Services.

As a result of the investigation and expert medical opinions, the officers involved are cleared of criminal liability in the arrest and subsequent death of Jermain Jones, Jr.

Officers Cleared:

- Richard Russell
- Parker Leathers
- Christopher Brown
- Aaron Phillips
- Leslie Gaiter
- John Tarpley
- Lora Hucko

In Your Service,

Jared T. Williams  
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