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**Dallas County Criminal DA John Creuzot actively pursuing additional alleged criminal wrongdoing during Summer 2020 protests**

*DA Creuzot asks anyone with any information or evidence to please come forward*

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**January 5, 2022** (Dallas County) – More than a year and a half following the Summer 2020 protests in Downtown Dallas, the Dallas County District Attorney's Office is still actively pursuing alleged criminal wrongdoing by police officers.

"We have never stopped working on these cases, and we will not stop working on them until they are charged or the statute of limitations runs out on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022," said Dallas County Criminal DA John Creuzot.

After investigation and review of video evidence, the DA's Office is turning to the public once again to identify two potential victims of possible police violence, as well as the identities of officers who fired so-called "less lethal" ammunition.

"Unfortunately, we don't know the names of individuals who appear to be injured. To present the best case possible, the DA'S Office needs to know the identity of these individuals, and we need the public's help," DA Creuzot said.

There are three main incidents the Office is focused on that all occurred on May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 between 5:30 pm and 5:42 pm.

1. 5:30 pm
  - 416 S. Ervay Street
  - Unknown individual appears to be hit in the buttocks by "less-lethal" ammunition
2. 5:38 pm
  - 400 S. Ervay Street
  - Brandon Saenz shot by "less-lethal" ammunition resulting in the loss of an eye
3. 5:42 pm
  - 300 S. Ervay Street
  - Unknown individual appears to be hit in the groin by "less-lethal" ammunition

According to the Dallas Police Department's protocol that was in effect on this date, after these so-called "less lethal" rounds were fired, the officer should have done the following: collected the projectile fired if feasible, gotten medical help for the person hit, notified a supervisor on the scene that they discharged their weapon, and complete a BlueTeam report detailing the incident by the end of their shift. None of these steps were taken.

Bryan Mitchell with the DA's Public Integrity Unit said, "We can't get justice for Brandon through the criminal justice system because we don't know who shot him, and we should know that. If policies and procedures were followed, we should know."

The Dallas County District Attorney's Office recognizes and respects the duty of the police to keep the public safe, however, the videos made available to the DA's Office show incidents of alarming behavior.

"From everything we have, we believe this activity is illegal and unjustified," DA Creuzot said. "We need names, we need a person."

To come forward with any additional information, video evidence, or identifiers, please contact the DA's Office at: [protestreport@dallascounty.org](mailto:protestreport@dallascounty.org) or call 214-653-3714.