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“On April 28th, 2023 Thermopolis experienced its first officer-involved shooting where a person’s life was lost. This has been difficult for all parties involved and we appreciate the public’s patience during this process. We take this matter seriously.

The Town and Department have fully cooperated with the Wyoming Department of Criminal investigation which released their findings earlier this month. Upon review of the facts and evidence collected by the Wyoming Department of Criminal Investigation, Special Prosecutor Daniel Erramouspe found no grounds by which to criminally charge Thermopolis Police Sergeant, Michael Mascorro in the shooting death of Buck Laramore.

At its regular meeting on October 3, 2023, the Town Council was informed that Sergeant Mascorro could be returned to duty upon being medically cleared, per Department and employment policy.

Sergeant Mascorro is currently on administrative leave for an undetermined amount of time.

The Town of Thermopolis Police Procedures and Policies have been sent to a third party for review. Any recommendations for updates or changes will be taken seriously. The Town of Thermopolis periodically reviews and updates their policies to ensure our Police Department operates with the stringent ethical and procedural expectations. We will continue to do so now and in the future.

Out of further respect for all parties involved, the Town of Thermopolis will not be commenting further on this matter at this time. We will continue to keep the public informed as new information can be shared.”

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