

NEWS RELEASE

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DA's Office asks for SBI investigation at request of Keith Lamont Scott's family

CHARLOTTE, N.C. – At the request of Keith Lamont Scott's family, the Mecklenburg County District Attorney's Office has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to investigate the September 20, 2016, death of Mr. Scott.

Under state law, the District Attorney must ask for an SBI investigation when he receives a request to do so from the family of a person who was killed as a result of the use of a firearm by a law enforcement officer in the line of duty. After speaking with an attorney representing Mr. Scott's family today, the District Attorney's Office asked the SBI to investigate the incident, pursuant to N.C. General Statute §147-90.

Mecklenburg County prosecutors will review the SBI's findings of fact and conclusions when the investigation is completed.

The District Attorney's Office previously designed a protocol to be utilized in such cases, ensuring that a professional, thorough, impartial and transparent review is conducted of every officer-involved shooting in Mecklenburg County. [Click here](#) to read the District Attorney's protocol for officer-involved shootings that result in a fatality.

The District Attorney's Office has been in contact with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the U.S. Department of Justice, and the office is providing them information to assist with their review of the matter. The office has also advised North Carolina's Governor regarding the request to utilize the SBI.

Balancing the integrity of an investigation with the public's desire for answers is an inherently difficult matter in cases of officer-involved shootings. The District Attorney's Office encourages our communities to take part in peaceful and constructive conversations with the understanding that a thorough investigation requires time and that prosecutors' ethical obligations restrict what information can be shared during an investigation. The District Attorney's Office looks forward to joining these conversations when legal and ethical rules allow prosecutors to do so. District Attorney Andrew Murray and his prosecutors are committed to working with all members of the community to build a fair and equitable criminal justice system.

As this matter remains under investigation, ethical obligations prevent the District Attorney's Office from commenting further at this time.

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