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**Statement Of The Middlesex District Attorney's Office Regarding Fatal Stabbing
That Occurred On February 7 In Lowell**

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office and the Massachusetts State Police assigned to the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Lowell Police have conducted an investigation into the facts and circumstances of a fatal stabbing incident that occurred on February 7, 2012 at 105 Felker Street in Lowell. The Middlesex District Attorney's Office, per protocol and pursuant to statute, conducted a death investigation in order to determine whether the surrounding circumstances and evidence amounted to prosecutable criminal conduct.

The investigation included a thorough review of all interviews conducted including witnesses at the scene, information provided by Lowell police officers, emergency medical personnel, crime scene forensic observations, radio transmissions and 911 calls, police reports, witness statements, photographs of the scene, and medical examiner information.

The investigation revealed that on February 7, 2012, shortly after 9:00 a.m. there was a brief verbal altercation that occurred between Timothy Lewis and a resident of Felker Street. After that verbal altercation, it is alleged that Mr. Lewis and three companions decided to go to the Felker Street resident's address, 3.5 miles away from where the altercation took place, with the intent to physically assault him. They called a fifth person, who was familiar with where the resident of Felker Street lived, and this fifth person joined them in traveling to Felker Street. Upon their arrival, the altercation at 105 Felker Street took place in which Mr. Lewis was ultimately fatally stabbed.

Upon completion of this investigation and review of all available information and relevant evidence, the conclusion of this office is that the Felker Street resident used reasonable, and not excessive, deadly force against his attackers in self-defense. The building resident's actions did not rise to the level of prosecutable criminal conduct after this office applied the relevant aspects of the law of murder, voluntary manslaughter, involuntary manslaughter and reckless assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon to the facts and evidence as they exist.

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"This is a tragic example of individuals resorting to violence to solve conflict. Such violence is senseless and, in this case, resulted in a life being lost, forever altering the lives of those who loved and cared about him."