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A Travis County Grand Jury today concluded that Austin Police Department (APD) Officer Robert Pfaff will not face charges related to the May 25, 2015 shooting death of Cassandra Bolin.

In the early morning hours of May 25, 2015, Cassandra Bolin's boyfriend Jacob Johnson was at work when he began receiving alarming text messages from her. Concerned for her welfare but unable to drive home, Johnson called 911 to have police check on her at their apartment near North Lamar and Brentwood. When officers arrived, they attempted to speak with Bolin, but she refused to come out of her apartment. Bolin demanded that they leave and she threatened to shoot the officers and herself.

Over the next several hours, members of APD's Critical Incident Negotiation Team tried to convince Cassandra Bolin to come out of her apartment peacefully and unarmed, but she refused and repeatedly walked just outside her door, at times armed with a handgun, and yelled at officers. She threatened to shoot police and herself and asked police to shoot her.

On one occasion when Bolin left her apartment, a member of APD's SWAT Team fired a beanbag-type projectile at her in order to gain compliance, but it was ineffective and Bolin went back into her apartment. Minutes later, Bolin emerged, this time pointing her handgun at herself, then in the direction of police standing in front of her. At that point, SWAT Team member Robert Pfaff fired his rifle at her three times, striking her three times and killing her.

The Grand Jury spent approximately seven hours reviewing evidence and heard testimony from seven witnesses.

Press packets containing documents and audio related to the incident are available on the 1st floor of the District Attorney's Office, located at the Criminal Justice Center, 509 West 11th Street.

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