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A Travis County Grand Jury has decided that Austin Police Department (APD) Officers Michael Stone and Erik Witte will not face charges for their actions while detaining Robert Brandon Edwards on January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Officers Stone and Witte responded to a 911 call from the HEB grocery store located at South IH-35 & William Cannon, reporting a subject who was screaming for help because someone was trying to kill him. HEB employees began to escort Edwards out of the store and Edwards began to struggle and grab onto things in an attempt to remain in the store.

Officer Stone arrived and placed Edwards in handcuffs and escorted him outside next to a patrol unit. Officers Stone and Witte held Edwards' shoulders and feet to keep him from kicking someone or injuring himself. EMS paramedics arrived and started CPR before transporting Edwards to the hospital. Edwards was later pronounced deceased at South Austin Hospital. The Travis County Medical Examiner's Office found that Edwards died as the result of the combined effects of methamphetamine and PCP and physiologic stress associated with restraint procedures.

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

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

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