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A Travis County Grand Jury has decided that Austin Police Department (APD) Sergeant Greg White will not face charges for shooting Jawhari Smith on March 18th, 2014.

Sergeant Greg White responded to a disturbance call at the Red Oak Apartments on Berkman Drive just after noon on March 18th, 2014. As Sgt. White approached the apartment atrium, a bystander pointed in the direction of one of the apartment doors. At this moment, Sgt. White saw a woman running in his direction. When the woman saw Sgt. White, she turned and ran away from him.

Sgt. White stopped the woman and instructed her to sit in a chair that was nearby. Sgt. White recognized the woman, Rickia Hunt, as a subject he had previously dealt with at this apartment complex. As Sgt. White was beginning to question Hunt about the disturbance that had been reported at the complex, he heard footsteps approaching.

Sgt. White saw a male holding a gun come from around the corner of the complex. The male, Jawhari Smith, made eye contact with Sgt. White and then immediately concealed the gun behind his back. White ordered Smith three times to drop the weapon, but Smith did not comply. Instead, Smith raised his hand, with the gun in it, above his head and waved his arms without dropping the weapon. Sgt. White fired his weapon at Smith, striking him in the face and shoulder. Smith was taken to a hospital where he was treated for his injuries and later released.

The Grand Jury met for over four hours and heard from five witnesses during their consideration of the case.

Press packets containing documents, audio and video related to the incident are available on the 2nd floor of the District Attorney's Office, located at the Criminal Justice Center, 509 West 11th Street.

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