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A Travis County Grand Jury has issued a no bill against Travis County Sheriff's Deputy Carlos Rodriguez for the shooting death of Josh Samuelson, 31, in a standoff on December 11, 2011 in southeast Travis County. The Grand Jury issued a no bill after hearing from 12 witnesses during almost 15 hours of testimony.

The incident began early afternoon on December 11, 2011 when Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) deputies responded to a check welfare call regarding a possibly suicidal individual in the area of State Highway 130 and Highway 812. According to dispatch, the caller stated that her husband, Josh Samuelson, had sent her a text message of a picture of himself looking down the barrel of a shotgun. Samuelson's wife reported to TCSO that her husband was suicidal and upset about a protective order that had been filed against him.

Sheriff's deputies located Josh Samuelson through a cell phone ping and began talking to him via cell phone as Samuelson drove his truck around the property. Samuelson approached the gate where deputies were stationed and deputies attempted to convince Samuelson to surrender. After Samuelson's third approach to the gate, Samuelson returned to his residence on the property and then came out of the house with a shotgun. An officer in a Department of Public Safety (DPS) helicopter saw that Samuelson was armed and relayed this information to other law enforcement units on the scene. Samuelson then began to walk across the property towards some occupied mobile homes with the shotgun under his arm. As Samuelson approached Deputy Ranger Allbritton, the ranger yelled for Samuelson to drop his weapon, instead, Samuelson headed back towards his residence as he pointed his shotgun in the direction of SWAT Team members who were attempting to contain him. Samuelson then pointed his shotgun at a second group of SWAT Team members who were approaching from the opposite direction. SWAT Team Deputy Carlos Rodriguez fired four shots at Samuelson when Samuelson pointed his shotgun at SWAT Team members of the second group. Samuelson died at the scene.

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