



MEDIA RELEASE

City of Temple Issues Statement Regarding Trial Verdict

TEMPLE, TX (February 7, 2023) – First and foremost, to the Dean family, we express our most sincere condolences. There is no easy outcome for our community.

To the community, we recognize that this trial has been difficult for everyone involved and we hope that we can begin moving forward together.

Police officers are public servants who should work collaboratively, transparently, and fairly with the communities they serve. The Temple Police Department strives for every officer who wears our badge to protect and serve with integrity, honor, and dedication.

While the criminal trial for the police officer's conduct has concluded, the civil trial involving the City is ongoing and the City will reserve further comment on this case until that litigation has concluded.

While we understand there is interest in the body worn camera footage, Texas Occupations Code Section 1701.660 prohibits the release of body worn camera footage of an incident involving the use of deadly force by a police officer until all criminal matters have been finally adjudicated. Although a not guilty verdict was reached, the criminal matters will not be finally adjudicated until all appeals have been exhausted.

Additionally, the City remains in active litigation and in order to ensure that the trial process is fair and impartial, the body worn camera footage will not be released until the civil litigation concludes. (Texas Government Code Section 552.103)

[Mayor, Tim Davis](#) and [Chief of Police, Shawn Reynolds](#), have recorded statements, addressed to the community. Please click links to watch the videos.



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To the Citizens of Temple,

The criminal trial of Carmen DeCruz in the shooting death of Michael Dean has concluded. This has been a difficult time for our community. We will respect the work of our justice system, and we hope to now move forward together. We would like to express our condolences and deepest sympathy to the Dean family for their loss.

The Temple City Council will continue to build and restore relationships across the City of Temple. As your council members, we commit to keep engaging in meaningful dialogue with citizens from diverse backgrounds to develop a stronger and more resilient community.

It is truly our honor and privilege to serve all residents of Temple by ensuring the city is a place you love to call home.

In Service – Your Temple City Council,

Timothy S. Davis

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