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DA Releases Review of Burchell's Death

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has determined that the Federal Bureau of Investigations agents involved in the Aug. 2, 2012 death of Joshua Oscar Burchell acted reasonably and lawfully.

"Mr. Burchell was armed and dangerous when he fled from law enforcement agents and then confronted them in a hotel parking lot, leaving them no choice but to use deadly force," District Attorney Steven Wolfson said. "Mr. Burchell's actions created a dangerous situation for the public and the agents."

According to the review released today, FBI agents discovered Burchell was at a hotel on the 4500 block of Boulder Highway, and made plans to arrest him in a hotel room there. Burchell was a suspect in an earlier murder, and had outstanding warrants for his arrest in Clark County and California. When the agents attempted to apprehend Burchell outside the room, Burchell ran. Once in the parking lot, Burchell pulled out a gun and aimed it at the agents who were chasing him. In response, the agents shot Burchell.

A Police Fatality Public Fact-Finding Review was not conducted in this case because the law requiring those reviews does not apply to federal law enforcement agents.

The determination that the agents acted lawfully in this situation is based upon the evidence available at this time. The case could be reexamined if new information comes to light.

The full review is available on the District Attorney's [Web page](#).

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