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NEWS RELEASE

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From: Patty Perlow, Chief Deputy District Attorney

RE: August 22, 2013 shooting of 30 year old Travis Lynn Cress by Springfield Police Officer Allan Amundson at the 1600 block of 1st Street in Springfield.

Based upon information gathered by "IDFIT" (The Interagency Deadly Force Investigations Team), the District attorney has determined that actions of the Springfield Police were lawful and the use of deadly force by Officer Amundson was justified.

Springfield Police Officers responded to a residence on 1st Street regarding a suicidal subject. Travis Lynn Cress was reported by family members and friends to be suicidal and armed. Efforts were made to contact Mr. Cress by phone and by knocking at the residence. Mr. Cress exited the residence from the front door briefly, swore at the officers on scene, and retreated back into the residence. On a subsequent call from dispatch, Mr. Cress said he knew there were 30 officers in the area and that if he went to the door, he would start shooting.

About 30 minutes later, Mr. Cress exited the back of the residence carrying a firearm visible to Officer Amundson. Officer Amundson, who has been a police officer with Springfield for more than seven years, was located at the back of the residence with other officers situated to the east side of the duplex. Officer Amundson directed Mr. Cress to drop the weapon multiple times. Mr. Cress refused to follow directions by responding with vulgar language to repeated commands to disarm himself. He did not drop the weapon. Officer Amundson fired a shot from his department-issued shotgun. Mr. Cress continued moving toward the east side of the house. Officer Amundson fired a second shot which stopped Mr. Cress' advance toward the other officers.

Officers immediately disarmed Mr. Cress and rendered aid until medics arrived to transport him to the hospital for treatment. Mr. Cress was interviewed on August 27th.

Seized from Mr. Cress at the scene were a Glock 21 .45 cal semi-auto handgun and a Sig Sauer P250 .45 cal semi-auto handgun. Each gun was loaded with a round in the chamber. An assault rifle with two loaded magazines was also seized from the residence after the shooting.

IDFIT was notified immediately. The team is comprised of detectives from the Oregon State Police, Lane County Sheriff's Office, Eugene Police Department, Springfield Police Department, Florence Police Department, Cottage Grove Police Department and the District Attorney's office. The investigation was thorough and we appreciate the commitment of our law enforcement partners.