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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Office of the State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit has completed a review of the June 18, 2022, shooting of Dallas Anthony Francis by law enforcement officers. Mr. Francis was shot after he attempted to evade arrest by shooting at law enforcement while leading them on a high-speed pursuit for over sixty miles. Mr. Francis was a suspect of a robbery and shot his firearm multiple times at pursuing law enforcement officers.

**ESCAMBIA COUNTY**  
190 W Government St  
Pensacola, FL 32591  
(850) 595-4200

Dallas Anthony Francis has been arrested and charged with five counts of Attempted Second-Degree Murder of a Law Enforcement Officer; five counts of Aggravated Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer; three counts of Shooting at, into, or, Within an Occupied Vehicle; one count of Possession of a Firearm During the Commission of a Felony; one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon in Another State; and one count of Grand Theft (Over \$20,000 but less than \$100,000).

**SANTA ROSA COUNTY**  
6495 Caroline St  
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Milton, FL 32570  
(850) 981-5500

**OKALOOSA COUNTY**  
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Suite 100  
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547  
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After reviewing the evidence presented by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, including video recordings, witness statements, photographs, and local media reports, The Office of the State Attorney finds the law enforcement officers who discharged their firearms during the attempted arrest and high-speed vehicle pursuit of a dangerous suspect acted reasonably based on a well-founded fear for the safety of others and their own lives.

**WALTON COUNTY**  
524 Hwy 90 East  
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435  
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The Office of the State Attorney conclude the shooting of Dallas Anthony Francis by law enforcement officers in the lawful performance of their duties was a justified use of deadly force. This Office finds no probable cause exists to legally sustain any criminal charges against any officer involved in this incident.

This review was conducted by Gregory Anchors, Okaloosa County Deputy Chief Assistant on behalf of Ginger Bowden Madden, State Attorney for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. For more information, please contact Mr. Anchors at (850) 651-7260.