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**BLENDON TOWNSHIP POLICE USE OF FORCE REVIEW BOARD, CHIEF JOHN BELFORD FIND NO POLICY VIOLATIONS FOR OFFICER CONNOR GRUBB**

(BLENDON TWP., OH) This week, Blendon Township Chief of Police John Belford forwarded the results of an internal policy investigation into Officer Connor Grubb's actions during the August 24, 2023, incident to the Blendon Township Trustees. The investigation concluded that Officer Grubb did not violate Blendon Township Police Department policy in the tragic shooting that resulted in the deaths of Ta’Kiya Young and her unborn child.

Pursuant to Blendon Township policy, the Use of Force Review Board was convened in December after Officer Grubb was acquitted by a Franklin County Jury and BCI provided Blendon Township with evidence from their investigation. The five-person Use of Force Review Board was comprised of law enforcement from outside agencies in Franklin County and a township trustee from Brown Township. The board thoroughly reviewed the evidence and department policies, unanimously finding no violations. Chief Belford independently reviewed the evidence and the board’s findings and concurred with their findings.

“The deaths of Ta’Kiya Young and her unborn child were a profound tragedy for her family, our department, and the community,” said Blendon Township Police Chief John Belford. “After receiving the complete investigation and evidence from BCI, the Use of Force Review Board conducted a thorough policy review and found no violation of department policy by Officer Grubb.”

The board’s findings and Chief Belford’s determination have been forwarded to the Blendon Township Trustees, who will make the final decision regarding Officer Grubb’s employment status.

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