

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 27-CR-24-1844

State of Minnesota,

Plaintiff,

vs.

**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO MINN.
STAT. § 358.116 OF LT JONATHAN
WENZEL**

Ryan Patrick Londregan,

Defendant.

DECLARATION PURSUANT TO Minn. Stat. § 358.116

1. My name is Lt. Jonathan Wenzel;
2. I have been a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota since September 3rd, 2014;
3. I have been employed by the Minnesota State Patrol since 2015 and worked for the Osakis Police Department before that;
4. I am currently a Lieutenant for the State Patrol and served as a firearms instructor and firearms coordinator for the Minnesota State Patrol Academy in addition to other duties;
5. I have completed the 40-hour Minnesota State Patrol Firearms Instructor Course and subsequent courses put on by certain firearm manufacturers and training groups;
6. As a firearms coordinator, I worked to ensure that cadets and troopers were proficient in the handling and operation of firearms and that trainees met the requirements established by POST for firearm training and evaluation;
7. In 2021, I was the firearms coordinator during the 63rd Academy of the Minnesota State Patrol, which was attended by Trooper Ryan Londregan;
8. I am not a use-of-force instructor, but have received the use-of-force training required for POST certification as a licensed peace officer in the State of Minnesota and additional training as a member of the Minnesota State Patrol;
9. In my training and experience as a member of the Minnesota State Patrol, a trooper being drug by a suspect vehicle is a situation that could cause death or great bodily harm to the trooper who is being drug;

10. The use of deadly force by a licensed peace officer is only justified where an objectively reasonable officer believes, based on the totality of the circumstances known to the officer at the time and without the benefit of hindsight, that such force is necessary to protect the peace officer or another from death or great bodily harm. Provided that the threat can be articulated with specificity, is reasonably likely to occur absent action by the law enforcement officer, and must be addressed through the use of deadly force without unreasonable delay;
11. I have reviewed the publicly available videos of Trooper Lonregan's critical incident;
12. It appears that Trooper Londregan acted in accordance with his training;
13. I cannot see where Trooper Londregan violated the Minnesota State Patrol use-of-force General Orders.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct.

Dated: March 24, 2024



LT Jonathan Wenzel
Lyon County, Minnesota