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NEWS RELEASE

FDLE Closes Investigation on Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office following ruling by State Attorney's Office

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The Florida Department of Law Enforcement completed an investigation into the death of Demetrius Tillman Nelson and forwarded the results to the State Attorney's Office, First Judicial Circuit. Nelson died July 3 after an encounter with the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office.

The State Attorney's Office reviewed the facts given to them by FDLE, and has determined that Nelson's death was a result of an adverse reaction to cocaine in his system. There was no physical or scientific evidence to suggest that the force used by Okaloosa County deputies in detaining Nelson was the cause or even contributing factor in his death.

It is the decision of the State Attorney's Office that this matter is closed and no further legal action will be taken unless or until any new material facts should arise.

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