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GRAND JURY DECLINES TO INDICT PROTESTER

In October 2020, following a preliminary hearing in Jefferson District Court, a Wanton Endangerment in the First Degree charge against Robin Marie Crandal Ash was referred to the Jefferson County Grand Jury.

Today, after a presentation of the case by the Commonwealth's Attorney's office, the Jefferson County Grand Jury declined to return an indictment against Ms. Ash. After a review of the facts and applicable law, the Commonwealth Attorney's office recommended that Ms. Ash not be indicted on this charge. The recommendation resulted from the fact that there was insufficient evidence to rebut claims of self-protection and protection of others beyond a reasonable doubt. Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 503 provides the statutory authority for self-protection and protection of others defenses in cases involving the use of physical force or deadly physical force.

The charge arose from an incident occurring during September 18, 2020 protests taking place near the intersection of Shelbyville Road and Hurstbourne Parkway where Ash was alleged to have pointed a handgun at a motorist.

The case was presented to the Grand Jury by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Ryan Olberding.