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**SANTA CRUZ DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE COMPLETES INVESTIGATION OF  
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING**

District Attorney Jeffery S. Rosell today announced a Santa Cruz County Sheriff's deputy will not face criminal charges in the tragic shooting death of 15-year-old Aptos High School student Lucas Smith.

The role of the District Attorney's Office in an officer-involved shooting is very narrow. The D.A.'s Office is only tasked with determining if a crime occurred. The investigation included interviews with officers, witnesses and others, as well as review of bodycam videos, audio recordings, and numerous reports from sheriff's deputies, other police officers who were at the scene, and the Coroner's Office. The investigation does not make recommendations on police policy, officer training or other topics.

Following the extensive independent investigation into the fatal shooting of Lucas Smith on Nov. 19, 2016, the District Attorney's Office found no legal wrongdoing on the part of the deputy, Chris Vigil.