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## Statement from Sheriff Graziano

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**(North Charleston, SC)** At the end of June this year, one of my staff members at the Charleston County Sheriff's Office discovered a Special Operations Group (SOG) training video that I believed relevant to the investigation into Jamal Sutherland's death and the involvement of two former detention officers. I immediately contacted Solicitor Scarlett Wilson and made her aware of the newly discovered video.

As a result of this discovery, I deemed it prudent to do an additional expansive search for anything that may be considered relevant to this matter that had not already been submitted to the solicitor. This expansive search produced training materials and other information that had been previously submitted. The information that Solicitor Wilson referred to in her statement today was uncovered by a third party that our office deemed could be relevant to this investigation. While there were many duplicate files given to the solicitor, we submitted all information found out of an abundance of caution.

As a result of the prior administration's lack of training records as it pertains to the SOG unit, it has been difficult to obtain all information as quickly as we would like. However, I am committed to ensuring that the Sutherland family get the thorough investigation that they deserve. I will continue to work closely with the solicitor in her investigation.

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