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USE OF FORCE INCIDENT
****UPDATE****

INYO COUNTY, CA, July 27, 2021 – Based on the incident from this weekend, the Sheriff's Office would like the public to know a complete and thorough investigation will be conducted on use of force. The Inyo County District Attorney's office will conduct a criminal investigation on the actions of the deputies to objectively evaluate the use of force by the deputies, and to ensure that their authority was used lawfully.

Pursuant to our policy, a Use of Force Review Board will also be convened. The Use of Force Review will be conducted based on the use of force which resulted in serious injury on July 24, 2021. The review shall be based upon those facts which were reasonably believed or known by the deputies at the time of the incident; applying any legal requirements, department policies, procedure and approved training to those facts.

Upon completion of the review Board, the entire investigation, including the District Attorney's findings will be turned over to a professional outside firm to review and provide a written report to the Sheriff. The outside firm will determine if the employees actions were within, or in violation of, the Sheriff's policy and procedures manual.

No further press releases will be disseminated from the Sheriff's Office regarding this incident until all investigations have concluded; including the criminal investigation on Barlow, Inyo County District Attorney's investigation on the deputies, and Use of Force review.

All policies are available to the public: <https://www.inyocounty.us/services/sheriff/policies>

The public is encouraged to contact the Inyo County Sheriff's Office at 760-878-0383, option 4 if you have any additional information regarding this case.

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