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NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. – Sheriff Kristin Graziano released the following statement today regarding the Sept. 18 deputy-involved shooting on Mona Avenue in West Ashley:

"The Charleston County Sheriff's Office was pleased to learn of Solicitor Scarlett Wilson's decision that Deputy Nicholas Vecchione's use of force on Sept. 18, 2021, was justified. He is currently on paid administrative leave but will return as soon as he's medically cleared through normal evaluation protocol. The sheriff's office is relieved that no neighbors or law enforcement were hurt during this volatile incident."

Two of the videos from the shooting are ready for release. They can be downloaded at the link below. Also included is a video timeline consisting of pieces of the two videos to show the incident as it unfolded.

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1KFHFIF2tlBimtJLSsHQZ9sx1lqHNE3Fm?usp=sharing

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