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**Iowa Attorney General's Review  
of Officer Involved Death**

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Incident of July 5, 2025  
Tama, Iowa

Toledo Police Lieutenant Nathan Wunn

Subject Involved: Logan Kurth

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## **Executive Summary**

At 1:00 a.m. on July 5, 2025, Tama County dispatch received a 911 call from a citizen asking for a welfare check on Logan Kurth. The citizen had received a video call from Kurth, who told the caller that he was on methamphetamine and drunk and wanted to kill himself. The caller could see in the video that Kurth had a handgun.

Officers from the Tama Police Department, Toledo Police Department, and Tama County Sheriff's Office discussed the situation and how to proceed. Family members confirmed that Kurth was acting erratically, was threatening harm to himself and others, and had a gun in his possession. Kurth called his grandmother as she was speaking to officers. Officers could hear Kurth on the call, screaming at his grandmother that he wanted his truck keys and he was going to burn her house down. He then told her he was looking for a car to steal to leave town.

Officers located Kurth at approximately 1:37 a.m., near 13th Street in Tama. He advanced on the officers while pointing a handgun at them. Kurth ignored multiple commands to drop the gun and told officers to shoot him. He advanced on Lieutenant Nathan Wunn of the Toledo Police Department specifically, yelling that Wunn should "just do it." Once he advanced within feet of Wunn with the handgun raised and aimed at the officer, Wunn shot Kurth, who died from his injuries.

## Detailed Factual Summary

At 1:00 a.m. on July 5, 2025, a concerned citizen called Tama County Dispatch for a welfare check on Logan Kurth. The citizen had received a video call from Kurth in which Kurth stated he was on methamphetamine and was drunk and wanted to kill himself. He had a gun in his hand in the video call. He was last known to live with his grandmother in Tama.

Officers from the Tama Police Department, Toledo Police Department, and Tama County Sheriff's Office attempted to locate Kurth near his grandmother's house. As they were meeting to coordinate their response, one of the officers called Kurth's mother, Megan Theissen. She relayed that she was aware of the situation as she had seen a Snapchat video from Kurth. She relayed that the video showed Kurth waving a gun and threatening to shoot himself and others. She was concerned that Kurth's grandmother, Susan Hughes, was still in the house with him in Tama. Theissen later relayed to officers that she made contact with Hughes, who was leaving the house.

Hughes drove to the officers' location. She confirmed that she was safe and that she had not been threatened. During their discussion, Kurth called Hughes. At the officers' request, she placed the call on speaker phone. Kurth yelled and swore at Hughes that he wanted the keys to his truck. He also threatened that if Hughes

did not provide the keys, he would burn her house down. He said he wanted to find a parking lot to sleep in and would not stay at Hughes's house. Hughes unsuccessfully tried to calm Kurth down. Kurth called a second time and said he was looking for a car to steal to leave town. Hughes told the officers that when she left the house, Kurth had a handgun and was wearing a t-shirt and athletic shorts.

Officers from the three departments began to search the area for Kurth. Tama Police Officer Neal Cooley saw a man matching Kurth's description, but with no shirt on, running between homes on Country Club Drive. Cooley tried to follow the man—later identified as Kurth—and keep him within sight. He relayed Kurth's location to the other officers. Officer Igor Dias and Lieutenant Nathan Wunn, both of the Toledo Police Department, also saw Kurth. They parked their patrol vehicles on 13th Street as Kurth came toward them from the yard of the home at the intersection with Trojan Road. At that point, they identified him.

Lieutenant Wunn was parked on 13th Street, facing west on the north side of the road. He was closest as Kurth approached. Wunn activated his scene lights to illuminate the area, armed himself with his rifle, and exited his patrol SUV. He could tell that Kurth had a handgun in his right hand, so he initially stayed on the driver's side to keep the SUV between him and Kurth. Kurth also had what appeared to be a cell phone with a cord in his left hand.

Officer Dias pulled his patrol vehicle to the south of Lt. Wunn's SUV and also exited, armed with his handgun. He also positioned himself so that his vehicle provided cover from Kurth. Both officers could see that Kurth had a handgun raised and was walking aggressively toward them.

As Kurth came into the street, Lt. Wunn and Officer Dias adjusted their positions so that their vehicles continued to provide cover. Both officers were commanding Kurth to drop his weapon, which he ignored. Kurth shouted at the officers, "Do it! Fucking do it! I'm done!" He then shouted, "Shoot me!" as he crossed the road to the south toward Dias. Dias retreated, keeping his vehicle between himself and Kurth. Wunn moved to the front passenger side of his own SUV. Officers from the Tama Police Department and the Tama County Sheriff's Office arrived to assist, pulling behind Wunn's vehicle. All officers were continuously ordering Kurth to drop his weapon, but Kurth did not.

Kurth then changed direction and began walking back across the road to the north. He neared and then crossed in front of Lt. Wunn's SUV with the handgun held down at his side. Wunn began to back up to keep cover between himself and Kurth. Kurth kept advancing directly at him. Wunn was still backing toward the rear of the SUV when Kurth rounded its front corner. This put both of them on the passenger's side, within feet of each other.

Kurth continued to advance on Lt. Wunn and shouted, “Ready? Fucking do it! Just do one shot!” He then raised the handgun to shoulder height, aiming directly at Wunn. Wunn fired three rounds from his rifle at Kurth, who collapsed to the ground.

Once officers determined that Kurth was no longer a threat, they approached him and rolled him over. Officers removed the handgun from his right hand and rendered medical aid until an ambulance arrived. Kurth was taken to the Marshall County Hospital where he was declared dead.

### **Subsequent Investigation**

Witnesses were able to describe the hours leading up to the shooting. Earlier that evening, Kurth had gone to an apartment in Marshalltown with friends. While there, he had consumed alcohol and had taken an unknown pill he had brought with him. Kurth had noticed the apartment owner’s airsoft pistol and was continually “messing with it.” He would take pictures of himself with the gun and send them to people. The apartment owner noticed the gun was missing after Kurth left her apartment. The gun Kurth had at the scene was an airsoft “Glock” style gun, designed to look authentic:



When Kurth’s grandmother picked him up that night from the Marshalltown apartment, he appeared angry and had a handgun with him. She took him to her home in Tama, where Kurth had been living, and he continued to escalate, pacing and ranting. He eventually wanted the keys to a vehicle, but Hughes would not provide them. As Kurth’s tirade escalated, Hughes left the house and eventually drove to where officers had gathered.

Kurth had a long history of mental-health and substance-abuse problems. Attempts to assist him were made over several years through inpatient and outpatient treatment and medication. Friends and family stated that his behavior became dramatically worse after he started using methamphetamine around December 2024.

Kurth had pending burglary charges in Tama County from a January 2025 incident where he was alleged to have stolen an AR-15 rifle from a family member. He had participated in inpatient treatment after those charges and then returned to the Tama area in March, where it is believed he resumed drug use.

Kurth had previously informed family members that he would die before he went back to jail. Roughly an hour before the shooting, he texted a family member, “This is it. I’m going to take out the cops. Someone’s dying tonight. It’s probably me.”

### **Process and Authority**

The Iowa Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) investigated the incident, and its investigation is complete. DCI interviewed the officers involved and reviewed the officers’ body camera recordings where available. DCI reviewed evidence and reports from the Tama Police Department, Toledo Police Department, the Tama County Sheriff’s Department, and the Iowa State Patrol, who assisted with the scene after the shooting. DCI also reviewed reports from the Iowa Office of the State Medical Examiner.

The Attorney General’s Office has authority under Iowa Code § 13.12 to assess any officer-involved death to determine whether criminal charges are warranted. The office has had a full opportunity to review the findings of the investigation and discuss the investigation with the assigned agent. All law enforcement

reports, including audio or video recordings, will be returned to DCI when this report is issued.

### **Applicable Law**

To be justified, the force an officer uses must be reasonable. Force is reasonable if a reasonable person, in like circumstances, would judge the force to be necessary to prevent an injury or loss. It can include deadly force if (1) it is reasonable to believe that such force is necessary to avoid injury or risk to the person's or another person's life or safety and (2) it is reasonable to believe that such force is necessary to resist a like force or threat. Iowa Code §§ 704.1, 704.2, and 704.3.

In *Graham v. Connor*, 490 U.S. 386 (1989), the United States Supreme Court held that the use of deadly force by a police officer must be evaluated from the perspective of a reasonable police officer on the scene and in the same circumstances. Under *Graham*, reasonableness of police use of force cannot be evaluated from the perspective of a civilian or the perspective afforded by 20/20 hindsight. The Court further stated that the fact that law enforcement officers are often required to react quickly in tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving situations must be considered in determining reasonableness.

## **Analysis**

Toledo Police Lieutenant Nathan Wunn was justified in using deadly force against Logan Kurth. Kurth was reported to be acting erratically and armed with a handgun. He was making threats against himself and others, and officers had heard him threaten to burn down his grandmother's house and then threaten to steal a car, endangering the public. When officers located Kurth he advanced directly toward them. He repeatedly ignored commands to drop his handgun and instead continued to advance on the officers, demanding that they shoot him. Despite that, they did not fire, instead adjusting their positions to give themselves cover.

Once Kurth rounded the corner of the SUV, Lt. Wunn no longer had any cover. Even then, Wunn did not open fire until Kurth raised his arm and aimed his handgun directly at him. Wunn was justified in using deadly force to prevent the imminent threat against his own life and those of the other officers in the area.

## **Conclusion**

The Iowa Attorney General's Office concludes that the officer's actions were legally justified and that criminal charges are unwarranted. It considers the criminal investigation into this incident to be closed.