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**Office of  
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Chief Anthony Cobb  
Champaign Police Department

Re: ISP #17-12741CP Hobson/Banks

Dear Chief Cobb,

I have completed my review of the Multi-Jurisdictional Investigative Team investigation of the June 11, 2017, officer-involved shooting in the 300 block of N. Fourth Street, Champaign. I have reviewed the reports provided by the Illinois State Police investigators, including the written report of Officer James Hobson and the report of ISP investigators' interview with Dehari Banks, and the squad car video/audio of the incident. Based on that review, I have determined that there is no basis for criminal charges with regard to Officer Hobson's actions. Officer Hobson's display of his firearm was appropriate given the totality of the circumstances and the evidence supports the conclusion that the firearm was discharged accidentally. I would consider this matter closed and am confident that you will address any further issues internally through training and supervision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JR", written over a horizontal line.

Julia Rietz  
Champaign County State's Attorney