

## **Police rule officer-involved shooting justified - Columbus Dispatch, The (OH) - April 13, 2019 - page 2B**

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Columbus police have determined that an officer-involved shooting in April 2018 was justified, the division said Friday.

Officer Gregg Seevers, a 22-year veteran of the division, fatally shot 64-year-old **Abadi Gebregziber** on April 30, 2018, in a confrontation outside an apartment on the 4400 block of Walford Street on the Northeast Side.

Gebregziber was holding a butcher knife at the time he was shot. Another officer had fired a stun gun at him, police said at the time.

Gebregziber had fatally stabbed his estranged wife, 33-year-old Azeb Demewez, 18-year-old Selam Habte and 19-year-old Russom Habte. A fourth stabbing victim, 51-year-old Alganesh Gebrezgabiher, was hospitalized as a result of the attack at the apartment. Gebrezgabiher is the mother of the Habtes.

Russom Habte was found at Gebregziber's townhouse on the 2100 block of Fitzroy Drive in the same Northeast Side apartment complex. It was believed that Russom Habte was stabbed first and then Gebregziber went to the Walford Street address and stabbed the three women.

The shooting was reviewed by the Columbus police Firearms/Police-Involved Death Review Board, and Seevers' actions were determined to be within division policy.

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