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The 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office has ruled that an officer was justified in shooting and killing a man who stabbed his uncle last summer in the Bessemer area.

On July 4 around 3:45 p.m., officer Jordan Roberts of the Pueblo Police Department responded to the backyard of a home on the 1200 block of East Abriendo Avenue on a report of a stabbing in progress.

As Roberts arrived, he was guided by individuals at the scene to the location of two men identified as **Emmanuel Bitsuie**, 32, and his uncle David Bitsuie, 52.

According to the Critical Incident Team decision letter written by District Attorney Jeff Chostner, as Roberts approached the men in the backyard of the East Abriendo home, he noticed that **Emmanuel Bitsuie** was on top of David Bitsuie and had a shiny object in his hand.

Roberts noticed **Emmanuel Bitsuie** move his arm in a downward motion and, knowing that David Bitsuie was being stabbed, Roberts fired his gun and shot **Emmanuel Bitsuie** three to four times after he reportedly refused to acknowledge Roberts' commands for him to get on the ground.

Emmanuel Bitsuie was pronounced dead at the scene, while David Bitsuie was taken to a local hospital where he later died from his wounds.

"Based on the facts of the investigation conducted by CIT investigators, the use of deadly force by officer Jordan Roberts appears to be justified based on the fear and threat of serious bodily injury or death posed to David Bitsuie by **Emmanuel Bitsuie** as he repeatedly stabbed David with a knife," Chostner wrote in the decision letter. "There is no evidence or facts collected to support any criminal wrongdoing by officer Roberts during the incident... Given the facts and circumstances of the situation and the governing law, criminal charges against officer Jordan Roberts would not be appropriate, and therefore no criminal charges will be filed."

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