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JONESBOROUGH, Tenn. (AP) — A Tennessee prosecutor says a police officer was justified in a fatal shooting earlier this year in which a man charged at him with a large knife.

District Attorney General Ken Baldwin said in a letter Monday to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation that an investigation showed no inappropriate actions by Jonesborough Officer Chad Reece. The Johnson City Press reports that Reece shot 26-year-old **Mark Clinton Harrell Jr.** of Church Hill three times in March.

Police had been dispatched to a motel on a report of suspicious activity involving another man, who they found in a car. When officers approached the vehicle, Harrell exited with the knife.

Baldwin said Harrell was given multiple opportunities to drop the machete-like weapon and Reece only fired when Harrell charged at him swinging the knife.

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