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**CROSBY FAMILY RESPONDS TO APD'S SHOOTING OF JESUS
AND RELEASE OF LAPEL FOOTAGE**

December 24, 2022

To Whom it may concern:

This firm represents the Crosby family in relation to the events that led to the shooting death of Jesus Crosby. Below is the Crosby family's statement following yesterday's media coverage. The family asks that any requests for further statements or interviews go through this office.

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We are Jesus Crosby's family, his mother and three brothers. We were shattered to learn that Jesus was shot to death by APD on November 10, 2022. Like many people in this community, Jesus suffered from long-term mental illness. Together we battled his symptoms, which began when he was a teenager at Rio Grande High School. We actively supported Jesus through his illness, and we were always rewarded for it. Despite the darkness of his illness, he was a loving member of our family, with a light personality, a silly sense of humor, and a contagious smile that could light up a room.

Although we have been angry and shocked since the shooting, we did not want to make any assumptions about APD's fault. Before we came to any judgments or sought media attention, we submitted multiple formal requests to APD for lapel video and other evidence, beginning on November 17, 2022.

Last night, after APD apparently decided to ignore our requests and release the footage to local media instead of us, we watched our son's last moments of life along with the rest of Albuquerque. The sadness of watching Jesus die is hard to endure. The senselessness of his death is unbearable.

The shooting began not when the triggers were pulled, but when an officer commanded Jesus, who was visibly disoriented and physically unstable, "if you take one more step I'm going to shoot you." APD officers had many defenses available to them against any threat they perceived from Jesus, including de-escalation and less lethal force. Instead they pressured Jesus, needlessly promised to kill him if he took a step, and then killed him when he did.

Especially given the long history of deadly police misconduct in this city and APD's persistent failure to implement de-escalation policies, the video of our son's death should shock leadership at APD and the

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City into urgently exploring new ways to stop these killings. One thing is clear: if APD and its officers cannot find a way to engage non-violently with the city's mentally ill people, and if they cannot afford basic respect to such people and their families, the pattern will continue.

Thank you for thinking about our son. We love and miss him so much.  We hope that our loss inspires you to hug your family a little tighter this Christmas.

-Olivia, John, Carlos, and Fred

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Fred, Carlos, Olivia, John, and Jesus Crosby at Carlos' wedding in 2018.



Jesus playing with his niece and nephew in 2017.



Jesus with a nephew weeks before he was killed.