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Ms. Thania Diaz Clevenger
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8056 North 56th Street
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Dear Ms. Clevenger:

This responds to your letter to the Assistant Attorney General for Civil Rights dated June 1, 2013, regarding the May 21, 2013, shooting by an FBI special agent in Orlando, Florida, which resulted in the death of Mr. Ibrahim Todashev.

The Criminal Section of the Department's Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorney's Offices are responsible for reviewing, investigating, and prosecuting criminal conduct involving the willful deprivation of federal rights, to include allegations of excessive force by federal law enforcement officers acting under color of law.

Currently, the Criminal Section and the United States Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida are coordinating a federal inquiry with the FBI Inspection Division into the shooting that resulted in Mr. Todashev's death. Federal prosecutors will review the evidence and make an independent determination whether a federal criminal investigation is warranted. If such further investigation is warranted, Department lawyers will direct the investigation and make an independent prosecutive decision.

We hope this information is helpful. Please do not hesitate to contact the Department if we may be of assistance with this or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Roy Austin", is written over a large, stylized blue scribble or flourish.

Roy L. Austin, Jr.
Deputy Assistant Attorney General