

Press Release

FIEGER LAW FILES \$100,000,000 LAWSUIT ON BEHALF OF FAMILY OF LANSING MAN SHOT AND KILLED BY LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

SOUTHFIELD, MICH., Dec. 19, 2023 – Fieger Law announced today they have filed a \$100,000,000 lawsuit in Federal Court against the City of Lansing and Lansing police officers Donovan Moore, Jeff Kurtz and another third unnamed officer for the shooting and killing of devoted father Stephen Romero.

Romero was killed outside his home by officers on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, after police had been called to the scene for a domestic dispute. Rather than using de-escalation techniques, officers commenced an uncoordinated rapid intervention. Romero's response when he saw and heard the charge was non-threatening and conveyed that excessive aggressive posture was unnecessary.

Romero complied with the confusing and conflicting nature of commands shouted by multiple officers. He dropped the mobile phones in his hands, submitted by getting on his knees and displaying the universal symbol of surrender by raising his hands in the air. While submissively on his knees, Romero slowly lowered his left hand at least twice and used it to raise the t-shirt he was wearing to show the defendant officers that he was lawfully possessing a handgun on his own property.

As Romero communicated his intent to surrender the firearm, never threatening the officers in any way, defendants Moore and Kurtz fired a total of at least fourteen rounds at Romero, without justification. Approximately seven of the bullets were fired from one of the police officer's Glock 9mm pistol while the other approximately seven bullets came from an AR-15 style .223 rifle.

In the end, Romero was struck by at least six of the bullets from the unjustified gunfire.

"Mr. Romero was wrongfully killed by a police firing squad and the Romero family needs answers and justice," said James Harrington, Vice President and Managing Partner of Fieger Law. "Mr. Romero was complying with every single officer command and rather than de-escalating the situation, the officers chose to kill a man in front of his family. The police violence must end."

Stephen leaves behind his beloved wife Ashly Romero, two-year-old daughter and three stepchildren (ages seven, eleven and twelve). His family remembers him for his kind and generous heart that guided him every day. Stephen's children meant the world to him and finding him playing on the floor with all the kids was a regular occurrence. Stephen worked hard and enjoyed life. When he wasn't working, Stephen enjoyed listening to various genres of music. Stephen will be sincerely missed by his family and friends.