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No proceedings in the death of Elijah Holcombe

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The Director has determined **not** to commence proceedings against Senior Constable Rich for murder or manslaughter following the fatal shooting of Elijah Holcombe.

The Crown had to determine if a charge of murder or manslaughter could be supported on the available evidence and if so, whether the Crown could rebut a claim of self defence or partial self defence.

Mr Holcombe was shot in Armidale on June 2 2009. The Coroner suspended an inquest into his death in October 2010 and referred the matter to the ODPP in March 2011. The file was received in April 2011.

The matter will now be returned to the Coroner.

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