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No charges in fatal Worden Ave. shooting

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Police respond to a shooting March 7 at a home on the 1400 block of Worden Avenue, in Klamath Falls. Prosecutors have declined to file charges against the woman suspect of shooting the victim.

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Authorities have confirmed they will not be pressing charges against a woman who shot a man to death in her home on Worden Avenue in March.

District Attorney Eve Costello said, after reviewing evidence and interviewing multiple witnesses, the shooting was a clear case of self-defense.

“He was engaged in the commission of a felony against her and she was in fear for imminent serious physical injury or death,” said Costello.

The shooting occurred March 7 in a home on the 1400 block of Worden Avenue, just north of downtown Klamath Falls. The woman called 911 to report she had shot a man in the residence. The man died at the scene.

The incident triggered a lockdown at The YMCA at Fairview directly across the street. The lockdown was lifted after a brief time when police determined there was no threat to the public.

Costello said the incident occurred while the woman was being attacked by her significant other. She said the woman had injuries consistent with domestic abuse and was within her rights to use deadly force against the man.

Neither the name of the deceased nor the shooter have been released by authorities. Costello said the couple recently moved to Klamath Falls from Texas and the woman no longer lives in the area.

Costello initially said a grand jury would consider the need for charges. However, after it became clear the shooting was justified, she said there was no need to impanel a jury.

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