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**GARNER FAMILY RESPONDS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S ANNOUNCEMENT
OPENING CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION INTO LOVELAND POLICE**

Tonight, Karen Garner's family received the news that the Larimer County District Attorney's Office is opening a criminal investigation into the Loveland Officers involved in the grievous assault, denial of medical care, and cover-up that was perpetrated upon their mother and grandmother last June.

Karen's children have released the following statement in response:

"This is a small, but long overdue, step in the right direction.

Many people have questioned why we didn't file a complaint to the department when Karen was hurt. Based on what we saw on the video, what we saw Sergeant Metzler do in the face of a citizen complaint on the video, and the fact that the prior DA had watched the footage and never called for an investigation into the officers' conduct before dismissing the case - the fact is, we just could not trust that it would be properly addressed.

Clearly, the newly elected DA understands what we suspected last summer - that only an independent, outside investigation, with all the world's attention, will reveal the truth."

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