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Petition to ban face coverings for officers nears Friday deadline



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Footage of fatal shooting released

Officer-involved incident occurred during traffic call

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Body camera footage from a November officer-involved shooting on U.S. Highway 550 north of Durango has been released by the La Plata County Sheriff's Office.

The footage shows Ernest Marlin Pino III, 31, of New Mexico, running toward La Plata County Sheriff's Deputy Dillon Irwin while holding two wooden objects seconds before the deputy fired five shots at Pino.

The objects Pino was holding were a baseball bat and an ax handle, according to reports from law enforcement and a decision letter from District Attorney Sean Murray.

Pino suffered injuries to his heart, left lung, esophagus, stomach, small intestine, right iliopsoas, ribs and vertebrae, according to an autopsy report from the La Plata County Coroner's Office. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

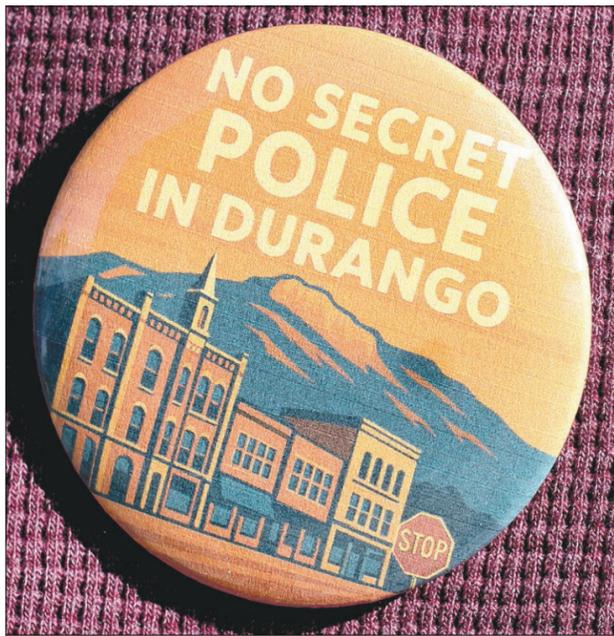
After reviewing the evidence – including body camera footage, witness statements and law enforcement reports – District Attorney Sean Murray determined the deputy would not

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To view the officer-involved shooting, scan the QR code. Viewer discretion advised.

Taking masks to task



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Durango residents concerned with the conduct of federal immigration officers are taking matters into their own hands through a democratic process called a citizen's initiative.

Proponents of a No Secret Police movement that aims to prohibit law enforcement officers from concealing their identities within city limits say the city has been too slow to respond to residents' requests for action.

The No Secret Police citizen's initiative is a movement to force the city to address residents' concerns.

Councilors approved an immigration task force in November charged with identifying ways the city can legally support its immigrant community. The volunteer committee gave itself six months to issue its recommendations. But No Secret Police advocates say action is needed sooner.

Residents have collected about 1,600 signatures supporting an ordinance that would ban mask use by law enforcement – including federal agencies such as U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement – and require officers to wear identification within city limits.

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TOP: Mick Souder, a No Secret Police citizen's initiative organizer, explains a petition for an ordinance banning law enforcement from wearing masks in Durango as resident Billy Beyhan signs the petition.
LEFT: Petitioners have collected about 1,600 signatures supporting an ordinance that would ban mask use by law enforcement.

Students get head start on health care at DHS

Cutting-edge practice resources provide hands-on learning for pathway program

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"My belly hurts," a hyper-realistic mannequin cried out from a faux hospital bed Thursday while surrounded by students in Durango High School's Health Science pathway curriculum.

"Can you describe the pain on a scale of one to 10 for me?" senior Rye Standifer responded, playing the role of a medical professional.

"Eight," the mannequin groaned, while blinking and shifting its gaze from one stu-

dent to another.

The rest of the simulated exam involved several more questions by Rye, including whether the mannequin had eaten or drank anything that day, and concluded with a dramatic cough and declaration from the mannequin that it "couldn't breathe."

"You could reposition him or listen to his lungs," another student, Sienna Rogers, said in response to the patient's breathing problems.

The faux human – identified in his medical chart as 33-year-old Stan D. Ardman II – is one of dozens of hands-on practice resources in the Demon Medical Lab, a simulator lab on the Durango High School campus that is set up to mirror a real medical office.

The lab allows students as young as 14 to gain hands-on



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medical knowledge in preparation for careers in the health care field, said Kyle Montgomery, health science pathway teacher and coordinator.

The lab was dreamed up three years ago by Montgomery and two DHS alumni. It's been operating on the DHS campus ever since.

Durango High School Health Science pathway curriculum students and Hosa - Future Health Professionals DHS chapter members Rye Standifer, left, and Sienna Rogers, perform a faux exam on an interactive mannequin Wednesday at the school.

"There's 400-plus kids in here that are doing something every day to make themselves a better health care professional," Montgomery said. "... When adults come into the lab, everyone says, 'I wish I had this in high school.'"

The lab features a check-in desk and waiting room, several patient rooms, all the necessary devices and supplies needed to operate a medical office, faux arms that bleed to practice drawing blood, and a few hyper-realistic mannequins – like Stan.

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