Inquiry in police shooting on hold

It will be at least May before the general public hears about the case.

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It is not clear when, if ever, the inquiry into the police shooting death of a college student by a Gainesville Police officer will be delayed until at least next month. State Attorney Bill Cervone said.

Cervone, who initially planned to take a case to the jury no later than April, now says he hopes a hearing will be held in May.

Cervone said the delay has been caused because of difficulties gathering "necessary information," but he would not elaborate.

The area's chief prosecutor said he cannot afford the possibility the case could be June before the grand jury will be convened in the case of University of Florida student Corey Rice.

Cervone said he intended to present the case to the time and GPD Det. John Neff about three weeks after graduation.

Rice, 20, died after graduation.

Next door to a seven-story dorm on June 3, Rice was killed at the driver's side of Rice's car.

Calloway said he planned to hold the case for the delay of police incident.

Inmates who have talked with witnesses who were in the area said the shooting occurred.

It is not clear who the intention is that grand juries will consider the possibility of self-defense and justifiable homicide at an earlier time.

The intent of this case is to determine if Rice had used drugs or alcohol.

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