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The video footage released by the prosecutor today shows clearly that four officers, each armed with weapons drawn, had lined up to make entry into the Sigler's home, apparently only because the front door was ajar. Mr. Sigler had fallen asleep in his den. The TV was on. He was awakened from his sleep by noises he couldn't make out, he had no idea multiple officers with guns drawn were on the other side of his front door. He walked toward the front door which had come ajar and held the door to peer around it. He saw a gun on the other side of the front door of his own home.

The video also shows Mr. Sigler immediately shut the front door; he took no offensive action whatever. When the door did not latch and briefly came back open, one of the officers fired, barely missing Mr. Sigler. Yet again, Mr. Sigler quickly shut his front door, and it stayed shut. It was then that the officers fired through the closed front door. One of these shots went through the closed door of the Sigler home and entered Mr. Sigler's right thigh, shattering his femur, and requiring emergency surgery, followed by a second surgery. Mr. Sigler suffered blood loss that would permanently take the vision in his left eye and severely disrupt the vision in his right eye.

During all of these police actions, Mrs. Sigler, who was eight months pregnant at the time, and the Siglers' two sons, ages 6 and 3, were in bedrooms directly above the area into which the officers shot.

This never should have happened. Mr. Sigler has suffered devastating and disabling injuries. He and his family are deeply and permanently affected.

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