

Initial OIG E-Mail Request

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To: Gross, Steven E.

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Subject: Initiation of an Investigation Regarding Alleged Harassment

Dear Assistant Sheriff Gross,

The Sheriff's Civilian Oversight Commission requested that LASD *"initiate a formal investigation of alleged harassment occurring at the East Los Angeles and Century Sheriff stations associated with the families of those who have died as a result of a Deputy Involved Shooting."* The Office of Inspector General requests that LASD additionally investigate any allegations set forth in the attached letter dated November 18, 2019 from the Centro Community Service Organization, Black Lives Matter Los Angeles, and the ACLU of Southern California. With regard to the investigation requested by the COC and the investigation of the allegations in the attached letter, please provide the OIG with real time updates as these investigations move forward.

Additionally, please provide OIG with any and all documents and records pertaining to the following:

- harassment complaints by family members of a person shot by an LASD Deputy Sheriff or by any on duty member of the Department;
- steps by LASD to prevent harassment of family members of a person shot by an LASD Deputy Sheriff or by any on duty member of the Department, including but not limited to any policies, general orders, unit orders, or station briefings; and
- policies, general orders, unit orders and station briefings relating to calls for service at any memorial for a person killed by a Deputy Sheriff or by any on duty member of the Department.

Finally, we renew our request of December 4, 2018 for the text of all proposed changes, additions or deletions to LASD policies, practices, and procedures. As an adjunct to that request, given that there have likely been changes in policies, practices, and procedures during the course of this year, please provide all new or amended policies, practices, procedures, and unit orders that were implemented and/or communicated by this administration.

Best regards,

Dara Williams, Assistant Inspector General

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



January 31, 2020

Max Huntsman, Inspector General
Office of Inspector General
312 South Hill Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Huntsman:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION AND/OR EVIDENCE THAT MAY BE IN THE POSSESSION OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

During the November 19, 2020, Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) meeting, the COC requested that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) conduct an investigation into harassment from families of suspects who have had deadly confrontations with deputy sheriffs. The allegations were brought to light from a letter the COC received from community based organizations on behalf of several families. Additionally, the COC asked that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) investigate the matter.

In the quest for the highest investigative sufficiency, I am requesting the OIG provide LASD with any and all information and/or evidence pertaining to the allegations, such as but not limited to: letters, reports, photos, videos, audio recordings, etc. This request, pursuant to Government Code 25303 and County Code 6.44.190 A, which states in part: "The OIG shall focus on matters relevant to Department-wide policies and procedures and shall not interfere with criminal, personnel, and other investigations by the Sheriff's Department." Subsequently, this request for such information is simply to conduct the most complete and comprehensive investigation possible, as requested by the COC. When the investigation is complete, it will be available for oversight review, which is consistent with the applicable law.

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Mr. Huntsman

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I look forward to working closely with the OIG in the future to increase transparency and alleviate tension between the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and the public we serve. Please respond to this request within five (5) business days. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter,

If you require additional information, please feel free to contact Assistant Sheriff Steven E. Gross, Patrol Operations, at

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA
SHERIFF