



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



December 3, 2024

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission
World Trade Center
350 South Figueroa, Suite 288
Los Angeles, California 90071
Via Electronic submittal

Dear Ms. Moseley:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO
THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION'S REQUEST FOR
INFORMATION: LASD DETECTIVE DIVISION ORDER RE:
INVESTIGATORS INVOKING 5TH AMENDMENT**

On November 27, 2024, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department) received a request from the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) for the Department's Detective Division's order regarding investigators invoking their 5th Amendment Rights Against Self-Incrimination. With the assistance of its Detective Division and Field Operations Support Services, the Department provides the following information to the list of questions presented.

The questions presented by the COC are highlighted in bold and are followed by the Department's response to each question:

1. **Provide a copy of the Detective Division Order.**

For the Department's Detective Division Directive 24-1, please see attachment #1.

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2. Advise when the Division Order was finalized and implemented.

The Department's Detective Division finalized and implemented the division order on March 13, 2024.

3. Since the implementation of the Detective Division Order, have any Detectives in the Department invoked their right against self-incrimination under the 5th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution? If so, in what specific instances?

The Department's Detective Division is unaware of any cases in which a detective has invoked their right against self-incrimination under the 5th Amendment of the United States Constitution since Detective Division Order 24-1 was implemented. If the COC has learned of any information to the contrary, the Department would welcome receiving that information.

Yesterday, however, it came to the Department's attention that personnel assigned to Patrol Division (not Detective Division) may have invoked the Fifth Amendment during their deposition testimony as witnesses in a civil matter. The Department is currently looking into this matter and once we obtain further information we can provide additional background information.

Please let me know should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



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ASSISTANT SHERIFF