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Interim Chief Carlos Rojas
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Re: Officer-Involved Shootings on March 15, 2013
Fatal and Non-Fatal Incidents involving Jason Hallstrom and Travis Mock
District Attorney Case # S.A. 13-004 and S.A. 13-006
Santa Ana Police Department Case # 13-07661
Orange County Crime Laboratory Case # FR 13-43957

Dear Interim Chief Rojas,

Please accept this letter regarding the Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Office's investigation and legal conclusions in connection with the above-listed officer-involved shootings (collectively, "the incident") involving on-duty Santa Ana Police Department Officers Pete Picone and John Rodriguez. Jason Erling Hallstrom, age 41 at the time of the incident, of Santa Ana, died as a result of his injuries, while Travis Stewart Mock, age 29 at the time of the incident, also of Santa Ana, survived his injuries. The incident occurred in the City of Santa Ana on March 15, 2013.

Based upon a review of all of the evidence provided to and obtained by the OCDA, and pursuant to the applicable legal principles, it is our legal opinion that the evidence does not support a finding of criminal culpability on the part of Officer Picone or Officer Rodriguez, and there is sufficient evidence showing that the officers' actions were reasonable and justified under the circumstances when they shot Mock and Hallstrom on March 15, 2013. Since there is currently a pending criminal case against Mock relating to facts which arose out of the above described incident, OCDA will not release the more detailed letter regarding this incident until after the criminal case against Mock is resolved.

Sincerely,

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