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Chief Raul Quezada
Anaheim Police Department
425 South Harbor Boulevard
Anaheim, CA 92805

Re: Officer Involved Shooting on October 15, 2015
Non-Fatal Incident involving Juan Carlos Linares
District Attorney Investigations Case # S.A. 15-019
Anaheim Police Department Incident # 15-164795

Dear Chief Quezada,

Please accept this letter in connection with the Orange County District Attorney's (OCDA) Office's investigation and legal conclusion concerning the above-listed incident involving on-duty Anaheim Police Department Officers Ryan Nichols, Jose Duran, and James Rodriguez. Juan Carlos Linares, 23, Anaheim, survived his injuries. The incident occurred in the City of Anaheim on October 15, 2015.

Based upon our investigation and a review of all the evidence provided to and obtained by the OCDA, and pursuant to applicable legal principles, it is our legal opinion that the evidence does not support a finding of criminal culpability on the part of Anaheim Officers Ryan Nichols, Jose Duran, and James Rodriguez, or any other Anaheim officer involved in this incident. There is sufficient evidence showing that the officers' actions were reasonable and justified under the circumstances. Since there is currently a pending criminal case in connection with this incident, the OCDA will not release the more detailed letter regarding this incident until after the criminal case is resolved.

Sincerely,

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