



OFFICE OF THE

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

TONY RACKAUCKAS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

JIM TANIZAKI
SENIOR ASSISTANT D.A.
VERTICAL PROSECUTIONS/
VIOLENT CRIMES

MARY ANNE MCCAULEY
SENIOR ASSISTANT D.A.
BRANCH COURT OPERATIONS

JOSEPH D'AGOSTINO
SENIOR ASSISTANT D.A.
GENERAL FELONIES/
ECONOMIC CRIMES

MICHAEL LUBINSKI
SENIOR ASSISTANT D.A.
SPECIAL PROJECTS

JEFF MCLAUGHLIN
CHIEF
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

LISA BOHAN - JOHNSTON
DIRECTOR
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

SUSAN KANG SCHROEDER
CHIEF OF STAFF

December 18, 2013

Interim Chief Carlos Rojas
Santa Ana Police Department
60 Civic Center Plaza
Santa Ana, CA 92702

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,

EBRAHIM BAYTIEH
Senior Deputy District Attorney
Assistant Head of Court - Homicide Unit

REPLY TO: ORANGE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WEB PAGE: www.OrangeCountyDA.com

☒ MAIN OFFICE
401 CIVIC CENTER DR. W
P.O. BOX 808
SANTA ANA, CA 92701
(714) 834-3000

☐ NORTH OFFICE
1275 N. BERKELEY AVE.
FULLERTON, CA 92631
(714) 773-4480

☐ WEST OFFICE
8141 13TH STREET
WESTMINSTER, CA 92083
(714) 866-7261

☐ HARBOR OFFICE
4601 JAMBOREE RD.
NEWPORT BEACH, CA 92660
(949) 476-4650

☐ JUVENILE OFFICE
341 CITY DRIVE SOUTH
ORANGE, CA 92668
(714) 935-7624

☐ CENTRAL OFFICE
401 CIVIC CENTER DR. W
P.O. BOX 808
SANTA ANA, CA 92701
(714) 834-3952