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November 5, 2010

Sheriff Sandra Hutchens
Orange County Sheriff's Department
550 N. Flower
Santa Ana, CA 92703

**RE: The Death of Ruben Gallegos
DA Case S.A. 10-008**

Dear Sheriff Hutchens,

On March 6, 2010, Ruben Gallegos died from [REDACTED] case while he was an inmate in Orange County Jail. After reviewing all the investigative reports and all the available information and evidence relating to the death of Ruben Gallegos, we are of the opinion that his death was not the result of any criminal conduct and that no criminal charges will be filed in connection with his death.

Accordingly, the Office of the District Attorney is closing its inquiry into this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

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Chief Jay Johnson
Newport Beach Police Department
870 Santa Barbara Drive
Newport Beach, CA 92660

RE: The Death of Ruben Gallegos
DA Case S.A. 10-008

Dear Chief Johnson,

On December 19, 2009 Ruben Gallegos was arrested by the Newport Beach Police Department for violations of Penal Code section 245(a)(1) (Assault with a Deadly Weapon) and Health and Safety Code section 11550 (Under the Influence of Drugs) after being involved in a physical struggle with your officers documented under Newport Beach Police Department report DR 09-12338.

Subsequently, on March 6, 2010, Ruben Gallegos died from [REDACTED] while he was an inmate in Orange County Jail. Gallegos' cause of death was completely unrelated to the December 19, 2009 contact with Newport Beach Police Department officers.

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