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Kelly A. Martinez, Sheriff

February 22, 2023

Eileen Delaney, Board Chairperson
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board
555 West Beech Street, Suite 505
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CLERB CASE NUMBER: 20-050(Bils Death)

Dear Chairperson Delaney,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of in-custody deaths and complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization. We continuously strive to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and concern for the citizens we serve, and the CLERB process provides invaluable input.

After reviewing the CLERB Investigator's report and the Review Board's advisory Recommendation letter dated January 11, 2022, the Sheriff's Department understands the concerns expressed by the CLERB members, and we will review the findings accordingly.

During your investigation, it was determined the deputy was in his official capacity when he unlawfully used deadly force, which ended Mr. Bils' life. Based on this incident, an investigation was completed by the San Diego Sheriff's Department and submitted to the San Diego District Attorney's office for review. The outcome was the following:

On May 05, 2020, the deputy in question resigned from the San Diego Sheriff's Department. On July 13, 2020, he was arrested and charged with second-degree murder. On October 7, 2022, he pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and was sentenced to one year in jail and three years' probation.

In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. Thank you for your service to the Citizens of San Diego County in furtherance of our mission to provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

KELLY A. MARTINEZ, SHERIFF

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