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Kelly A. Martinez, Sheriff

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Eileen Delaney, Board Chairperson
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board
555 West Beech Street, Suite 505
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CLERB CASE NUMBER: 21-069

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 December 18, 2022, the Sheriff's Department understands the concerns expressed by the CLERB members, and we will review the findings accordingly.

During your investigation, evidence indicated that SDSO sworn or professional staff failed to prevent illicit drugs from entering the detention facility. That failure resulted in a sustained finding for Misconduct/Procedures. The same investigation found that Title 15 requires visual checks to be done within 60 minutes. In this incident, the check was completed in 65 minutes and 23 seconds. In this investigation, it was determined the Sheriff's Department starts their safety checks within 60 minutes, failing to observe each incarcerated person within Title 15 guidelines.

This has been shared with the Detention Services Bureau command staff to determine appropriate administrative action, including additional training and a referral for an Internal Affairs investigation.

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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