



SAN DIEGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MaryAnne Pintar, Board Chairperson
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board
1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 251
San Diego, CA 92101

CLERB POLICY RECOMMENDATION: 23-026

Dear Chairperson Pintar,

The San Diego County Sheriff's Office (SDSO) welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of the Sheriff's Office. SDSO continuously strives to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve, and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

CLERB sent the following recommendation related to SDSO reference CLERB Case #23-026:

1. "CLERB is recommending that video camera '086 2-Court Holding Corr' be angled downward to capture Court Holding cell #6."

Thank you for the recommendation regarding this issue. Below is SDSO's response to the recommendation:

After receiving this request, staff at the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) attempted to adjust the surveillance camera in question. The camera angle was moved as low as possible but did not have the desired effect. Moving the camera to view into Cell #6 would take away other views that are of significant importance, including views capturing a hallway and views capturing doorways to multiple cells. These angles are important to be able to document when deputies and incarcerated persons (I/Ps) enter and exit cells. At this time, SDSO does not have the infrastructure to facilitate installing additional cameras as the technology that is compatible with the current system is no longer in production. A long-term solution that should be able to incorporate CLERB's recommendation is already planned. SDCJ is on an infrastructure replacement schedule to replace the current surveillance camera system with a new system. The plan for the new system will be to install additional cameras which will increase the areas currently captured by the existing system.

In closing, we appreciate the time and effort of the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board.

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Thank you for your service to the citizens of San Diego County and for the policy recommendations. Our goal is to provide the highest quality public safety services to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

KELLY A. MARTINEZ, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David W. Perkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'P'.

David Perkins, Lieutenant
Division of Inspectional Services
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