



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



May 21, 2021

Ms. Dara Williams
Acting Chief Deputy
Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General
312 South Hill Street, 3rd Floor
Los Angeles, California 90013

Dear Ms. Williams:

**RESPONSE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR
GENERAL'S REPORT ON REFORM AND OVERSIGHT EFFORTS:
FIRST QUARTER 2021 REPORT**

Attached herein is the updated Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's (Department) response to the Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General's (OIG) validation draft on the "Reform and Oversight Efforts: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department – First Quarter 2021 Report." Thank you for providing the opportunity to validate the report and correcting some of the inaccuracies we noted in the original draft. I have reviewed the report and appreciate your input. The attachment contains the remaining inaccuracies identified in our original response to you.

Thank you and your staff for your efforts in reviewing the various functions and responsibilities within the Department's purview. The dedication made by members of the OIG to execute this report is greatly appreciated by the Department. I am committed to balancing community safety with public trust and appreciate the recommendations you make to assist us in this endeavor.

The Audit and Accountability Bureau (AAB) has the responsibility to monitor and document the Department's response related to this review.

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Should you have any questions regarding the Department's response, please contact Captain Rodney K. Moore at (323) 307-8302.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Timothy K. Murakami". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

TIMOTHY K. MURAKAMI
UNDERSHERIFF

VALIDATION - LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF
INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT

SUBJECT: Reform and Oversight Efforts: Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department –
January to March 2021

Response from Homicide Bureau

Deputy-Involved Shootings

Page 8 – *“The information contained in the following summaries of shootings is based on information provided by the Sheriff's Department and is preliminary in nature. While the Office of Inspector General receives information at the walk-through at the scene of the shooting, preliminary memoranda with summaries, and by attending a Critical Incident Review, the statements of the deputies and witnesses are not provided. **The Sheriff's Department does not permit the monitoring of its investigations of deputy-involved shootings and does not comply with lawful requests for documentation of these investigations.**”*

This paragraph was not in the previous Quarterly Report. The Sheriff's Department is in compliance with the law and provides a copy of the investigations upon their completion.

Page 9 – Norwalk

*“The male Hispanic threw an **object** from his window that caught their attention.”*

This statement should read:

*“The male Hispanic threw an object, **later identified as a loaded handgun**, from his window that caught their attention.”*

Page 11 – East Los Angeles

“Mr. Cervantes turned toward one of the deputies.”

The statement should read:

*“Mr. Cervantes **suddenly** turned **assaultive** toward one of the deputies.”*