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On February 20, 2017, Keith Boyer, a 27-year veteran of the Whittier Police Department was shot and killed, and another officer was injured in an ambush attack after responding to a traffic collision. The alleged gunman was known to have been in State prison and was released to community supervision on April 19, 2016.

Prior to the shooting of Officer Boyer, the suspect was alleged to have been involved in the shooting death of a family member, possession of a stolen vehicle and a subsequent collision in the stolen vehicle.

The details of the suspect’s criminal history are currently being investigated along with the terms and conditions of his community supervision. In order to ensure public safety and the safety of our law enforcement community: the Board needs a full understanding of the specific facts leading to this tragedy, as well as the County’s overall supervision policies and procedures involving this population.

We, THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS direct the Chief Probation Officer, in coordination with County Counsel, the CEO, and the Courts involved in revocation hearings, and other relevant agencies, to provide a report back to the Board in 30 days with background information including but not limited to:

- A comprehensive criminal history of charges and convictions of the gunman;

- An analysis of his involvement with the State Parole system and Probation supervision as well as revocations and;

- Review of policies and procedures to help identify risk factors, and recommendations as needed, in order to ensure the highest level of public safety.

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