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TO: EDWARD YEN
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

FROM: LILIANA CAMPOS
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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda
County Claims Board Recommendation
David Beas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-00744**



Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached are the Case Summary and Summary Corrective Action Plan to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation, Case Summary, and Summary Corrective Action Plan be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled David Beas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:24-cv-00744, in the amount of \$200,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from a detention where Plaintiffs allege the Sheriff's Department violated Department policy and their constitutional rights.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	David Beas, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:24-CV-00744-DSF-PVCx
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	January 29, 2024
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department & District Attorney's Office
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 200,000.00
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	GREGORY L. KIRAKOSIAN Kirikosuan Law, APC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	JOSEPH A. LANGTON Principal Deputy County Counsel Justice and Safety Division MARINA SAMSON Jones Mayer Law
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$200,000.00, this federal civil rights lawsuit brought by David Beas and his two-year-old daughter M.B., a minor by and through her Guardian ad Litem, Luciana Aguilar (Collectively Plaintiffs) against the County , Deputies Samuel Aldama and Wendy Escalante. The lawsuit arises from a detention where Plaintiffs allege the Deputies violated both LASD policy and their constitutional rights. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 101,994
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 16,652



Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	July 27, 2023
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p style="text-align: center;">Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-252</p> <p>Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident.</p> <p>Based on multiple investigative reports, two uniformed deputy sheriffs in a marked patrol vehicle observed a vehicle fail to stop at a red light and fail to signal, in violation of California Vehicle Code (CVC) Sections 21453(a) and 22108, respectively. The deputies conducted a traffic stop of the vehicle and contacted the driver (Plaintiff).</p> <p>The deputies smelled the odor of marijuana and observed an open glass container commonly used to transport marijuana inside the vehicle, a violation of CVC Section 23222(b). The Plaintiff did not have his driver's license in his possession; he was detained for driving without a valid driver's license, a violation of CVC Section 12951(a), and for a narcotics investigation.</p> <p>The Plaintiff's two-year old child was secured in the back seat of the vehicle in a car seat; the deputies allowed the Plaintiff to stand outside his vehicle to watch his child.</p> <p>Deputy One observed what appeared to be the grip of a handgun in the center console of the vehicle. Deputy One then walked the Plaintiff to the patrol vehicle and secured him in the back seat.</p> <p>Deputy Two realized her BWC had not been activated and she turned it on. Deputy Two walked around the Plaintiff's vehicle, which captured on BWC that all four windows of the vehicle were rolled down. The Plaintiff's child remained in the back seat of the Plaintiff's vehicle with the windows rolled down. Deputy One continually monitored the child's wellbeing.</p>

	<p>Deputy One confirmed the handgun was an air soft pistol and not an actual firearm.</p> <p>Deputy One returned to the patrol vehicle and retrieved his BWC that had been charging in the vehicle; Deputy one activated his body worn camera.</p> <p>After completing the search of the Plaintiff's vehicle, Deputy one utilized the Mobile Digital Computer (MDC) to verify the Plaintiff's identify. Deputy Two called the station secretary to obtain more information regarding the MDC returns, which took several minutes. Deputy One confirmed the Plaintiff did not have any outstanding warrants.</p> <p>The Plaintiff was removed from the backseat of the patrol vehicle and was free to leave. The Plaintiff was not issued a citation.</p>
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the failure of the deputies to activate their Body Worn Cameras (BWC) at the onset of the traffic stop. Activating their BWC could have confirmed the deputies' observations and the Plaintiff's failure to provide his driver's license.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputies' failure to issue a citation. This would have supported the vehicle code violations observed which initiated the traffic stop, and the possession of marijuana in an open container inside the Plaintiff's vehicle.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the deputies' delay in clearing the call related to the traffic stop until after their shift concluded. The failure to immediately clear the call created the appearance that the action was intentional and not consistent with the timeline of the stop.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's failure to have his driver's license in his possession as required by law. The identification process and traffic stop were delayed by the Plaintiff's failure to provide a photo identification.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's possession of an air soft pistol, that appeared to be a handgun inside his vehicle. This heightened the Deputies' safety concerns, influencing their decision to detain the Plaintiff in the back seat of their patrol vehicle, prolonging the detention and further removing the Plaintiff away from his young child inside his vehicle.

2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

Administrative Review

This incident was investigated by Industry Station to determine if any misconduct occurred. Appropriate administrative action was taken. Both deputies attended training related to this incident.

Station Briefings

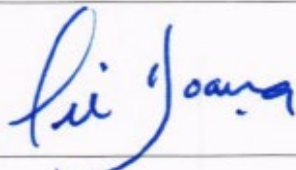
During the month of August of 2024, Industry Station conduct training briefings relating to the Department's Body Worn Camera policies.

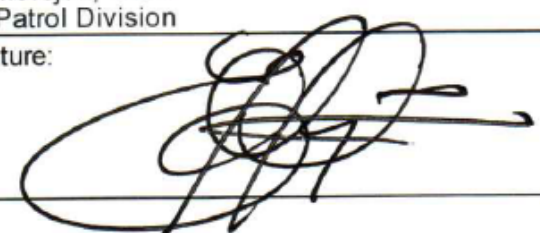
Industry Station conducted briefings related to logging field activities; deputies were reminded to clear each call for service in a timely manner.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing Department-wide system issues?

- Yes – The corrective actions address Department-wide system issues.
 No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator)	
Tri T. Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 4.1.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Elier Morejon, Chief East Patrol Division	
Signature: 	Date: 4.8.26

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Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

- Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.
- No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this Department.

Name: Betty Karmirlian (Risk Management Inspector General)

Signature:

Betty Karmirlian

Date:

4/9/26