



County of Los Angeles

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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
Christopher Prevedello v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-08435



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 Christopher Prevedello v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:23-CV-08435, in the amount of \$490,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained by Plaintiff due to alleged negligence of the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Christopher Prevedello vs. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:23-CV-08435
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 6, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 490,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	J. ALEJANDRO BARRIENTOS Barrientos PC QUINN MAYBERRY Mayberry Law
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MINAS SAMUELIAN Senior Deputy County Counsel LAURA INLOW Collinson & Greco, LLP
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$490,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a lawsuit filed by Christopher Prevedello (Plaintiff), alleging federal and State civil rights violations. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. The full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$490,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 119,509
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 41,101



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:	
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-275 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. Based on multiple investigative reports, on March 23, 2023, the Plaintiff was brought to a courthouse by LASD Court Services Transportation personnel and subsequently placed in the wrong cell based on his classification. The Plaintiff had a scheduled court appearance. Deputy One was assigned to the courthouse as a bailiff; however, worked overtime in the main lock-up. On March 23, 2023, he was working a one-hour overtime shift in lock up. Unbeknownst to Deputy One, two inmates with a different classification than the Plaintiff were placed in the cell. The lock up deputies use a magnet system to further ensure the safe housing of inmates. The same deputy was also scanning the inmates into lock up off the bus that morning and failed to mark Cell #8 with a magnet. The Plaintiff was scanned into the courthouse and off the bus. Deputy One was directing inmate placement that day and believed he heard a Department member call out a particular classification for Cell #8 when he scanned in the Plaintiff. Deputy One failed to check the wristbands of the two inmates who were already in the cell and directed the Plaintiff into the cell. Deputy One walked back over to the main processing desk in lock-up to continue working his overtime position. CCTV footage shows the Plaintiff initially entered the cell and was standing by the cell door. The other two inmates were sitting on the bench. The Plaintiff walked over to the bench and asked the inmates to make room for him. He starts reading a book on the bench when the other two inmates take note of the

	classification of his wristband. The other inmates attacked him. The Plaintiff was punched multiple times all over his body including his face. The beating continued for about one minute and twelve seconds before deputies arrived and broke it up. The Plaintiff was transported to a local hospital to be medically treated. The Department's internal investigation concluded that the actions of Deputy One violated Court Services Division Manual Sections 2-071015.10, Special Handling; and/or 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards. Appropriate administrative action was taken.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

The **root causes** of this incident were:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One placed the Plaintiff in a cell with other inmates that were of a different classification.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the cell was not properly classified with a classification magnet.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One was given wrong information by an unidentified individual when he attempted to confirm the correct cell to place the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One did not check the wristband of the Plaintiff before placing him in the cell.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One was performing duties of multiple job assignments due to short staffing and did not sufficiently verify temporary housing accurately.

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

Station Debriefing

Court Services Bureau supervisors have since continued quarterly briefings to reiterate Department policies and expectations.

Staffing Shortages

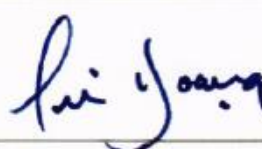
Courthouse scheduling deputies have since been sending out countywide emails, requesting Department personnel, including sergeants, deputies, and custody assistants to work overtime in assisting with staffing shortages.

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 Hoang, Captain Risk Management Bureau	
Signature: 	Date: 4-6-26

Name: (Department Head) Shawn R. Kehoe, Acting Chief Court Services Division	
Signature: 	Date: 5/12/26

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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: 	Date: 5/13/26