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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
Jazmine Moreno, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06062



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 Jazmine Moreno, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. 2:21-CV-06062, in the amount of \$12,500,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit arises from the fatal shooting of Decedent by the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Jazmine Moreno, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:21-CV-06062
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	July 27, 2021
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 12,500,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	CHRISTOPHER ADAMSON, ESQ. & FEDERICO SAYRE, ESQ. Adamson Ahdoot, LLP
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NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$12.5 million inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, this federal civil rights and wrongful death lawsuit arising out of a fatal deputy-involved shooting of David Ordaz, when Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputies responded to a call for service at his parents' residence. Given the high risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 203,912
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 250,308



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:	March 14, 2021
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	Summary Corrective Action Plan 2025-259 Details in this document summarize the incident. The information provided is a culmination of various sources to provide an abstract of the incident. On November 9, 2022, the District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Deputy One, charging him with two felonies: Assault with a Semiautomatic Firearm and Assault by a Public Officer. On November 19, 2024, Deputy One plead "Nolo Contendere" to both charges. In accordance with the plea agreement, he resigned from the Department and voluntarily relinquished his POST certificate. Based on multiple investigative reports, on March 14, 2021, the Decedent's sister, (Plaintiff One) called a patrol station to get guidance regarding the Decedent being suicidal. An emergency call for service was dispatched to their residence. The dispatcher remained on the phone with Plaintiff One. Plaintiff One told dispatch the Decedent was armed with a knife, was under the influence of methamphetamine, and had mentioned, "suicide by cop". Plaintiff One stated they were sitting in a gold vehicle in front of the residence. Deputy Two was assigned as the handling deputy for the call. Deputy Two acknowledged the call and responded Code 3 to the location. While deputies were responding to the location, the dispatcher updated the call, advising the Decedent was armed with a knife and claimed he wanted "suicide by cop". Deputy Two coordinated the call for service with his assisting units.

	Deputy Two directed responding deputies to meet at the location and requested anyone with a less-lethal weapon to deploy the weapon. Several deputies, including Deputy One, staged south of the address and responded to the target location with Deputy Two. When the deputies arrived, Deputy Two saw the Decedent's vehicle. He ordered the Decedent to exit his vehicle. When the Decedent exited his vehicle, Deputy Two observed him holding a kitchen knife in his right hand. Deputy Two unholstered his firearm, pointed it at the Decedent and ordered him to drop the knife. The Decedent stroked his beard and appeared agitated. He stood at the front driver's side of his vehicle. The Decedent's brother (Plaintiff Two), father (Plaintiff Three) and Plaintiff One were in the residence's front yard, which was just to the east of him. A chain link fence bordered the front yard from the sidewalk, and the gate to the property was closed. Deputies Two and Five ordered the Decedent to drop the knife, but he refused. Instead, he stayed near the front of his vehicle on the driver's side and continued to stroke his beard. The Decedent communicated with the deputies; however, he refused to drop the knife and follow their commands. He told the deputies to shoot him multiple times. Deputy Five activated the duplex patch approximately 45 seconds after he arrived and requested a sergeant and the MET team to respond to his location, along with an air unit and deputy personnel with a less-lethal weapon. Deputy Two continued to order the Decedent to drop the knife and told him he was there to help him. Upon hearing Deputy Five's radio transmission, Deputies Three, Four, Six, Seven and Eight responded to the location. Deputy Four arrived on the scene and positioned his patrol vehicle to the left of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle. Deputy Four exited his patrol vehicle and used the driver's side door for cover; however, he identified a possible crossfire issue, so he moved to the driver's side door of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle with Deputies Two and Five. Sergeant One responded to the scene from the patrol station and arrived approximately five and a half minutes
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	after he was requested. Upon arrival, he approached Deputies Two, Four, and Five, who were standing between the passenger side of Deputy Four's patrol vehicle and the driver's side of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle. They were using the patrol vehicle's doors as partial cover. Sergeant One assessed the situation and instructed Deputy Five to retrieve a less-lethal weapon from his patrol vehicle. Deputy Five retrieved a stun bag shotgun from Sergeant One's patrol vehicle. There were only two available bean bag rounds inside the vehicle. Deputy Five loaded the two bean bag rounds into the stun bag shotgun and returned to the driver's side of Deputy Two's patrol vehicle. Sergeant One assigned Deputy Two as the lethal option, and he was to provide cover for Deputy Five. Deputy Four relocated to Deputy Two's patrol vehicle's passenger side, where Deputy One was standing. While Deputies One, Two, Four, and Five ordered the Decedent to drop the knife, Sergeant One observed Deputies Seven and Eight arrive on the scene. He directed Deputy Eight to find another less-lethal weapon. Deputy Eight began going through all the patrol vehicles on scene but did not find another less-lethal weapon. Sergeant One also directed Deputy Eight to request the Sheriff's Mental Evaluation Team (MET) to respond. The Decedent began pacing around his vehicle and walked toward the deputies. The Decedent transitioned from the street to the sidewalk in front of the residence. The Plaintiffs gathered in the front yard, separated by the chain link fence. The deputies ordered him to stop. The Decedent's family was also yelling at him to stop walking toward the deputies. Deputies instructed the Decedent's family to go inside their residence; however, they moved south toward the driveway of the yard and did not enter the residence. Deputies were attempting to avoid any crossfire issues. Shortly thereafter, Deputies Three and Six arrived on the scene. Deputy Three initially positioned himself behind Deputy Four. Sergeant One moved Deputy Three to the rear of a vehicle parked directly next to Deputy Two's vehicle,
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	blocking the driveway. The vehicle was on the east curblane, approximately 20 feet behind the Decedent's vehicle. Sergeant One directed Deputy Seven to stand next to Deputy Three and provide lethal cover for him. Deputy Six deployed a fully loaded stun bag shotgun. Sergeant One directed Deputies Six and Three to the rear of the vehicle. Deputy Three holstered his Taser and provided lethal cover for Deputy Six. Deputies Three and Six were offset toward the passenger side of the vehicle and slightly behind and to the right of Deputies One and Four. Sergeant One monitored the deputies and identified any crossfire issues. Sergeant One motioned for Deputy Four to move closer to the passenger side patrol vehicle's door to position him directly next to Deputy One. The Decedent stood on the sidewalk in front of his residence, outside the chain link fence. Deputy Two stood behind the driver's side door of his patrol vehicle, and Deputy Five moved from behind the driver's door to the front fender area. Deputies One and Four were behind Deputy Two's patrol vehicle's passenger side door, and Deputies Three and Six were behind them, slightly to the right. Deputy Seven stood behind Deputy Three. Deputy Seven's weapon was drawn but pointed at the ground. Deputy Eight was approximately 50 feet behind the incident, talking to Decedent's additional sister, who arrived from outside of the area. As the Decedent walked toward the deputies again, Sergeant One ordered him to step back, but he refused to cooperate and advanced toward Deputies One and Four, while still holding the knife. Sergeant One directed Deputy Six to fire the stun bag shotgun. Deputy Six yelled, "Stun bag, Stun bag, Stun bag," and both Deputies Six and Five fired their stun bag shotguns at the Decedent. Deputy Six fired one round, striking the Decedent in the torso. Deputy Five fired two rounds, striking the Decedent in the upper torso and right shoulder. After being hit by three bean bag rounds, the Decedent charged the deputies with the knife in his right hand.
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	Deputy Six fired one more bean bag round, Deputy Four fired two rounds from his firearm, Deputies Two and Three each fired three rounds from their firearm, and Deputy One fired seven rounds from his firearm at the Decedent. There was a pause and Deputy One fired one more round at the Decedent. The Decedent was struck with a total of twelve rounds. He sustained one gunshot wound in the left leg, one in the right buttock, two in the left buttock, three on his left flank, three in his back, one in his chest and one in his left cheek. Once the Decedent was on the ground, Plaintiff One exited the front yard and kicked the knife away so deputies would render him aid. Sergeant One directed Deputies Three and Seven to approach the Decedent and render medical aid. Deputies One and Three approached the Decedent, conducted a pat down search for weapons, and rolled him onto his left side into a recovery position. Deputy Seven stopped prior to rendering aid to assist with keeping the Decedent's family from approaching him while he was lying on the ground. Sergeant One also directed Deputy Six to call the fire department and paramedics to respond to the location. The fire department and paramedics arrived on scene and began rendering aid. The Decedent was transported to a local medical center where he was pronounced deceased by the handling doctor.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was multiple deputy personnel were involved in a deputy involved shooting.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy One was criminally convicted for his involvement in the involved shooting.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the unavailability of a Mental Evaluation Team (MET) at the time of the request by Department personnel.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the dispatcher dispatched the call for service as an attempt suicide but should have contacted MET and included additional information in the call which would have identified the Decedent as a person with a mental health issue.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the inability to properly load less lethal options during the initial response by deputy personnel.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Decedent charged at the deputies while he was armed with a knife.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Decedent was under the influence of narcotics (methamphetamine and marijuana).

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

Criminal Investigation

The incident was investigated by the Sheriff's Department Homicide Bureau. The results of their investigation were submitted to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Justice System Integrity Division.

On November 9, 2022, the District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Deputy One, charging him with two felonies: 245(b) PC, assault with a semiautomatic firearm and 149 PC, assault by a public officer.

On November 19, 2024, Deputy One plead "Nolo Contendere" to both charges. He resigned from the Department and is no longer employed with LASD. Additionally, Deputy One voluntarily relinquished his POST certification.

On November 22, 2022, the District Attorney's Office completed their review of the investigation regarding Deputies Two through Four.

The DA's office concluded that Deputy Two acted lawfully in defense of others.

They further concluded that there is insufficient evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that Deputies Three and Four did not act lawfully in self-defense and in defense of others.

Administrative Investigation

The Sheriff's Department Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) is investigating the incident to determine if any administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after the incident. When the IAB investigator completes the case, the administrative shooting investigation will be presented to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Executive Force Review Committee (EFRC) for adjudication.

On September 25, 2025, the EFRC determined the use-of-force and tactics used by Deputy One in this incident were not within Department policy.

The Panel weighed the facts of this case and assessed both the aggravating and mitigating factors. The Panel found Deputy One to be in violation of California Penal

Code section 245(b), Assault with a semiautomatic firearm and Department's Manual of Policy and Procedures Sections:

- 3-01/030.10- Obedience to Laws, Regulations, and Orders.
- 3-10/118.00- Performance to Standards-Use of Force
- 3-10/150.00-Tactical Incidents

The findings were presented to executives for review.

On January 13, 2026, Deputy One was discharged from his position as a deputy sheriff.

The EFRC Panel determined the force and tactics used by Deputies Two through Six were within Department policy.

However, additional training was recommended and completed.

The EFRC Panel also recommended Sergeant One complete training which was completed.

Station Debriefing

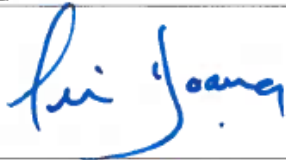
In the days following the incident, station supervisors briefed on the events known at the time and based on information provided by Homicide Bureau investigators. All station personnel, including dispatchers were briefed on calls for service involving mentally ill persons, with a special emphasis on the responsibilities of requesting MET personnel via the Sheriff's Communication Center, including notification to the MET Triage Desk, and properly identify and updating dispatched calls for service with relevant information and the appropriate radio codes.

Briefings also addressed officer safety, tactical preparedness, and lessons learned during the incident to assist employees if they ever find themselves in a similar situation. Additional emphasis was focused on proper loading and inspection procedures for safe and effective operation of less lethal weapons. Briefings have continued on an ongoing basis by station field sergeants and watch commanders to reiterate the Department's expectations and policies.

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: 4.15.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff Patrol Operations	
Signature: 	Date: 4/20/26

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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: 4/21/26