



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
Darral Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV23077**



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 Darral Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 23STCV23077, in the amount of \$800,000, and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This lawsuit arises from alleged excessive force against Plaintiff by the Sheriff's Department.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Darral Scott v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	23STCV23077
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	September 25, 2023
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 800,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	DAN STORMER Hadsell Stormer Renick & Dai, LLP
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	MINAS SAMUELIAN Senior Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This is a recommendation to settle for \$800,000 inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a State civil rights lawsuit filed by Darral Scott (Plaintiff), for negligence, assault, battery, intentional infliction of emotional distress, and violations of the Bane and Ralph Civil Rights Acts. 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 \$800,000 is recommended.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 245,697
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 21,892



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 2025-272 On December 31, 2022, at approximately 1745 hours, Deputies One and Two were conducting a patrol check in the city of Gardena. They observed the Plaintiff sitting in his vehicle with the engine running in a parking lot, missing a front license plate and there was litter outside the driver's side door. Upon approaching the Plaintiff's vehicle, Deputy One smelled marijuana emitting from the vehicle. He opened the Plaintiff's driver's side door and ordered him to step out of the vehicle. The Plaintiff did not comply. Deputy Two approached the driver's side of the Plaintiff's vehicle to assist Deputy One. The Plaintiff continued to be uncooperative and moved his hands near his lap area. Deputies One and Two unholstered their firearms, and Deputy One verbally warned the Plaintiff not to move his vehicle. The Plaintiff complied and stepped out of the vehicle. Deputies One and Two placed him in handcuffs and conducted a brief search of the vehicle for weapons and contraband. The plaintiff was subsequently released with a citation for a missing front license plate, in violation of California Vehicle Code Section 5201(a). No arrest was made. Shortly after the incident, the Plaintiff went to the South Los Angeles Sheriff's Station to make a complaint. While at the station, the Plaintiff filmed a verbal encounter with Deputy Two. The video shows Deputy Two stand near a desk and appear to advise the Plaintiff he stopped him for a lawful reason and that the entire incident was recorded on BWC. The Plaintiff is heard on the video requesting a watch

	commander and accused Deputy Two of being racially biased. This investigation was submitted to the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to determine if the deputies' actions were legally justified and/or if any criminal misconduct occurred. On December 30, 2025, the District Attorney's Office declined to file charges, citing insufficient evidence to prove the allegations beyond a reasonable doubt.
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1. Briefly describe the **root cause(s)** of the claim/lawsuit:

A **Department** root cause in this incident was the Deputies use of control techniques on the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputies One and Two pointed their Department firearms at the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Two was talking on his cellphone when Deputy One contacted the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputies One and Two did not immediately activate their Body Worn Cameras (BWC) upon their arrival and prior to contacting the Plaintiff.

A **Department** root cause in this incident was Deputy Two's interaction with the Plaintiff in the Station Lobby prior to the Plaintiff filing a complaint with the shift supervisor.

A **non-Department** root cause in this incident was the Plaintiff's failure to obey lawful orders given by Deputies during a lawful detention.

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

Criminal Investigation

A criminal investigation was initiated by the Department's Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau (ICIB). On December 30, 2025, the District Attorney's Office declined to file charges, citing insufficient evidence to prove the allegations beyond a reasonable doubt.

Administrative Investigation

On December 30, 2025, upon completion of the Criminal Investigation, the Internal Affairs Bureau (IAB) resumed its investigation into this incident to determine if any

administrative misconduct occurred before, during, or after this incident. Upon completion of the administrative investigation, the findings will be presented to the division chief for review and disposition.

Station Personnel Briefing and Training

To enhance the deputies' training and experience, the deputies involved attended additional training after the incident. Additionally, station supervisors continue to brief station personnel regarding pertinent case law and legal updates.

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: 6.9.26

Name: (Department Head)	
Myron Johnson, Assistant Sheriff Patrol Operations	
Signature: 	Date: 6/10/26

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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:

6/11/26