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VIA U.S. MAIL

Honorable Krishna A. Abrams  
District Attorney  
County of Solano  
Office of the District Attorney  
675 Texas Street, Suite 4500  
Fairfield, CA 94533-6340

**RE: Investigation of Destruction of Evidence**

Dear Ms. Abrams:

On July 14, 2020, this office became aware of the destruction of potentially relevant evidence related to the officer-involved-shooting of Sean Monterrosa which occurred on June 2, 2020, in the City of Vallejo. Specifically, it is alleged that Vallejo Police Department [REDACTED] [REDACTED] authorized the replacement of a windshield on a damaged police department pickup truck that was involved in the shooting.

A Vallejo Police Department (VPD) officer shot his rifle through the windshield of the pickup truck which ultimately resulted in the death of Mr. Monterrosa. Subsequent to the shooting, it was determined by VPD fleet staff that the department needed the pickup truck back in service. So, replacement of the windshield containing the bullet holes was ordered. The windshield was removed by a contractor and replaced. The contractor disposed of the damaged windshield. No officer or other employee of VPD discussed the destruction of this potential evidence with VPD executive staff or with the City Attorney's Office until after the fact.

[REDACTED] is the VPD officer responsible for VPD vehicles. [REDACTED] allegedly authorized the repair of the windshield. It is my understanding that photographs of the damaged windshield were taken before its destruction. These photographs remain in VPD possession and will be made available to you upon request.

It is also my understanding that more than one officer may be involved in the destruction of this evidence. VPD is currently determining the names of any other involved officers. In the event the department discovers the names of others who were involved, it will provide those names to you.

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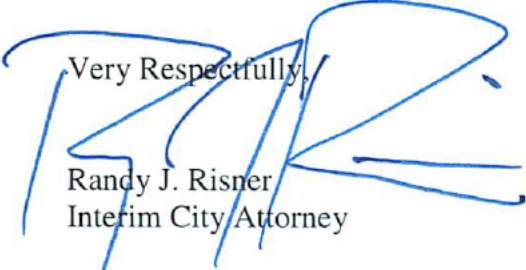
Vallejo Police Chief Shawny Williams has asked that I contact you to request your assistance with this matter. [REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of the [REDACTED]. This presents unique challenges for the internal investigation of this incident because every sworn member of VPD, with the exception of Chief Williams, is a [REDACTED]. This creates an inherent conflict which may be detrimental to any internal investigation.

Because of this inherent conflict, Chief Williams is requesting your assistance in the investigation of this matter. If the allegations are proven true, there is potentially a criminal violation of Penal Code § 135 which is a misdemeanor as well as Penal Code § 141(b) which is a felony. Chief Williams requests that you conduct an independent investigation to determine whether a crime was committed in this instance. Chief Williams will provide all available information.

Because of the current dispute between your office and the State Attorney General's office concerning the Monterrosa matter and the Willie McCoy matter, we are also requesting assistance from the State Attorney General as well as the Federal Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this matter. The City appreciates any help or guidance you can provide.

Very Respectfully,

  
Randy J. Risner  
Interim City Attorney

cc: Shawny Williams, Chief of Police, City of Vallejo