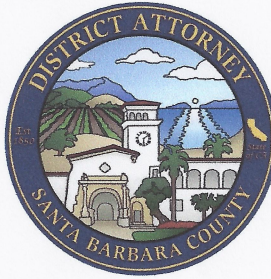


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Re: Follow-up Investigation: Officer Involved Shooting of Albert Covarrubias

Santa Barbara County District Attorney Joyce E. Dudley announced today that subsequent to the disciplinary actions taken by Chief Ralph Martin of the Santa Maria Police Department, a follow-up investigation has been conducted by the District Attorney's Office to determine whether any crimes had been committed by any members of the Santa Maria Police Department relating to this event.

Based upon our independent review, we find there is no evidence of underlying criminal violations by any Santa Maria Police Department personnel with respect to this matter.

District Attorney Dudley expresses her recognition and gratitude to Chief Martin for his diligence, cooperation, and unrelenting professionalism in the way he has handled this most difficult matter.

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