

TIMES INVESTIGATION

There have been more than 2,000 police shootings in six Southern California counties since 2004. Only one officer was prosecuted.

The officer was acquitted in the criminal case. But civil juries have awarded millions, including his case.

By Jack Dolan

A grainy video showed 21-year-old Iraq war veteran Elio Carrion on the ground, pleading with a San Bernardino County deputy who held him at gunpoint. Carrion was a passenger in a car that Deputy Ivory Webb pulled over after a high-speed pursuit in Chino. Carrion, who was unarmed, is heard telling Webb “we mean you no harm” seconds before the deputy shot him three times without visible provocation. The bystander video of the 2006 shooting drew national attention and prompted a rare prosecution: Webb is the only on-duty officer charged with a crime in more than 2,000 Southern California police shootings since 2004, a Times examination of District Attorney’s files, coroner’s reports and court records show. Webb’s attorney said the deputy feared Carrion might

have been reaching for a weapon as he rose to his feet. A jury acquitted Webb. San Bernardino Dist. Atty. Michael Ramos, who maintains he was right to file the charges, said the verdict taught him a lasting lesson about public sentiment. “They may be marching in the streets about police shootings,” Ramos said, but when people serve as jurors, “they still have a high regard for peace officers and the difficult job they do.” Last year, as protests against excessive force by police spread across the country, there was an increase nationally in the number of murder and manslaughter charges filed against officers for on-duty shootings, according to data compiled by Philip M. Stinson, an associate professor of criminal justice at Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Eighteen officers were charged in 2015, more than were prosecuted in the previous four [See Shootings, A14]



A FRENCH JET is prepared for launch in the Persian Gulf last month. In October, coalition air raids began targeting suspected Islamic State cash hoards.

U.S. says airstrikes cut into Islamic State’s cash supply

Leaders are forced to halve salaries and reduce spending on weapons, officials say.

By Brian Bennett and W.J. Hennigan

WASHINGTON — Islamic State’s finances have been squeezed by falling oil prices and airstrikes on oil production sites and cash hoards, forcing salary cuts for its fighters and limiting

purchases of arms and ammunition, according to U.S. officials. Unable to dislodge the extremist group from its quasi-state, the U.S.-led coalition has begun targeting buildings where it suspects the militants store cash from looted banks, ransom payments or taxes collected in territory they control. U.S. officials estimate the group has lost more than \$100 million in 10 such airstrikes. In one, a Pentagon video released last month showed a missile slamming

into a building near Mosul, in Iraq, sending a cloud of bills fluttering in the air and presumably incinerating others. That’s a small fraction of the multibillion-dollar wealth the Sunni militants have amassed in Iraq and Syria over the last two years. U.S. officials, who have struggled to trace the group’s funding schemes, cautioned that the financial losses are still more a management problem for Islamic State than a strategic [See Islamic State, A5]



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ELECTION 2016

Nevada win resets race for Clinton

She’s back on the right trajectory headed into the South after a close victory over Sanders.

By Mark Z. Barabak

LAS VEGAS — Hillary Clinton’s victory Saturday in the Nevada caucuses puts her back in command to win the Democratic presidential nomination. But it was close enough that Bernie Sanders has every incentive to stay in the race for some time, denying Clinton and the party establishment the swift resolution they hoped would let them turn their full attention to the general election in November. The win brought enor-

mous relief to Clinton and her supporters and should deliver a burst of momentum heading into the Democrats’ next contest, the Feb. 27 primary in South Carolina. Clinton was already a heavy favorite to win there. More important, Clinton’s performance in Nevada could ease some of the concerns that arose among some in the party after Sanders nearly tied Clinton in Iowa and crushed her in the New Hampshire primary. At a jubilant appearance at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, Clinton alluded to those concerns. “Some may have doubted us, but we never doubted each other,” she told a ballroom full of cheering supporters. “This one is for you.” [See Nevada, A17]



MATT ROURKE Associated Press JEB BUSH tells supporters in South Carolina that he is withdrawing from the GOP race for president.

A dramatic fall from campaign’s early promise

By Cathleen Decker and Seema Mehta

COLUMBIA, S.C. — He launched his campaign in the warmth of a Florida summer, hailed as the candidate who melded a new, multicultural Republican appeal, a family history of winning and the most formidable fundraising machine his party had ever built. Eight humiliating months later, in the South Carolina winter, defeated once again by Donald Trump, John Ellis Bush gave up, making him the most prominent casualty of an unruly presidential contest and marking a stunning public repudiation of a family that defined GOP success

Trump triumphs

His win in South Carolina puts him on track to win the Republican nomination. NATION, A16 for decades during two turns in the White House. Jeb Bush’s withdrawal from the race came as Trump handily won South Carolina’s primary, advancing another significant step toward the party’s nomination. Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Ted Cruz of Texas were battling for second place. By dropping out, Bush could help the party consolidate against Trump, although even if all his votes in [See Bush, A18]

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