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Re: Death of Luis Fernando Pacheco-Orozco on April 28, 2017

The District Attorney's Office has completed its investigation into the death of Luis Fernando Pacheco-Orozco which occurred on April 28, 2017 on Highway 101 just south of Highway 92 in San Mateo. After a thorough investigation by Inspector Rick Decker and other inspectors with the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office, District Attorney Stephen M. Wagstaffe has determined that the filing of criminal charges is not warranted as to Officer Stephanie Combs, Officer Eric Lovejoy and Officer Andrew Schillaci of the California Highway Patrol. District Attorney Wagstaffe has concluded that the use of lethal force by Officers Combs, Lovejoy and Schillaci in the confrontation with Luis Fernando Pacheco-Orozco was a lawful response to the conduct of Mr. Pacheco-Orozco.

The San Mateo County District Attorney's Office conducted a thorough and independent investigation of the facts and circumstances leading to the death of Mr. Pacheco-Orozco. Based on all of the information ascertained during the investigation, District Attorney Wagstaffe concluded that the circumstances surrounding the death of Luis Fernando Pacheco-Orozco did not involve any criminal conduct by Officers Combs, Lovejoy and Schillaci. Therefore this case is now deemed closed by this office.

The letter written by District Attorney Wagstaffe to Captain James Allen of the California Highway Patrol, Redwood City Office, setting forth the basis for the decision declining to file criminal charges in this case is attached to this e-mail press release.

Binders containing all of the reports and videos in the investigation are available for public inspection. Anyone seeking to review all or part of the investigation should contact Chief Inspector John Warren of the District Attorney's Office Bureau of Inspectors at (650) 363-4074.