



# San Diego County Sheriff's Department

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*William D. Gore, Sheriff*

February 17, 2021

Susan N. Youngflesh, Board Chairperson  
Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board  
555 West Beech Street, Suite 505  
San Diego, CA 92101-3819

**CLERB CASE NUMBER: 19-128 / Serna**

Dear Chairperson Youngflesh,

The Sheriff's Department welcomes and supports the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) independent review of complaints alleging improper actions by members of this organization and in-custody deaths. We continuously strive to respond with professionalism and concern to the citizens we serve and the CLERB process provides invaluable input to that end.

On December 30, 2019 the Division of Inspectional Services (DIS) was given the completed in-custody death investigation of Elisa Serna, which occurred on November 11, 2019. At that time, DIS sent you the completed investigation for your review in accordance with the CLERB Charter.

On February 11, 2021, DIS became aware there was additional investigative follow-up completed by the Sheriff's Homicide Unit at the request of the San Diego County District Attorney's Office. DIS determined this in-custody death investigation was reopened and any follow-up completed after December 30, 2019 was not sent to CLERB for review. Shortly after receiving this information, DIS promptly notified CLERB's Executive Officer Paul Parker of the new information.

As of the date of this letter, the investigation is still open. Upon completion of the follow-up investigation, DIS will repackage the entire investigation and forward it to your office.

In closing, we understand there was a significant amount of time and effort put into your review of this case and realize the additional information may or may not change the conclusions the board members came to on February 9, 2021 at the CLERB monthly meeting. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause to CLERB.

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Policy Response

We appreciate the time and effort of the Citizen's Law Enforcement Review Board. I would like to thank you for your service to the residents of San Diego County. It is our goal to provide the "Highest quality public safety services" to everyone in San Diego County.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM D. GORE, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott Amos".

Scott Amos, Lieutenant  
Division of Inspectional Services  
Office of the Sheriff