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Sheriff Kelly A. Martinez, County of San Diego
Attn: Lieutenant David Perkins, Division of Inspectional Services
9621 Ridgehaven Court
San Diego, CA 92123

LETTER OF CONCERN REGARDING BODY WORN CAMERA POLICY VIOLATIONS

Dear Sheriff Martinez:

Since November 2024, CLERB has sustained twelve (12) instances of violating Body Work Camera (BWC) policy against San Diego Sheriff's Department Deputies for failing to turn on the cameras on or for improper muting of the audio. See findings for: 23-029 (1); 24-016 (1); 24-022 (2); 24-028 (1); 24-035 (2); 24-078 (1); 24-090 (1); 24-047 (1) and 24-055 (2). Even though CLERB has yet to find deputies' actions to be intentional, the failure to follow policy on BWC erodes the public's trust in transparency. Whether in public interactions or in the detention setting, BWC is the only direct view of arrests, searches, alleged peace officer misconduct, uses of forces or deputy-involved shootings. It is imperative for deputies to document the entirety of the interactions for evidentiary reasons. Additionally, the correct use of BWC serves to greatly enhance community relations, transparency, training, accountability and can protect law enforcement officers against false accusations.

CLERB thanks and commends the Sheriff's Office for promptly and fully complying with cooperation regulations in providing CLERB with BWC. BWC is an instrumental piece of evidence relied on heavily by CLERB staff in preparations for the individual investigations. And CLERB understands the specific exemptions for utilizing BWC and the multitude of security and privacy rights which need protections. However, it is important for the San Diego Sheriff's Office to take a strong stance against these violations by providing additional training and/or enhanced disciplinary processes.

CLERB supports the Sheriff's Department's careful and prompt review of our BWC concerns, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Brett Kalina, on behalf of MaryAnne Pintar, Chairperson
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cc: DIS Liaison