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Via Email Only: MichaelTrihey@kget.com; KarenHua@kget.com

November 2, 2020

Michael Trihey  
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Reporter, KGET 17 News  
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Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Trihey and Ms. Hua:

Please consider this letter the Kern County Sheriff's Office's ("KCSO") response to your October 22, 2020, emailed request for records under the California Public Records Act. For reference your request is included herein:

*We would like a copy of the grant request in which KCSO obtained its current body cameras.*

*We would also like to request the bodycam footage from the following deputy-involved shootings:*

- 1. March 21, 2020 at Family Dollar on Hwy 58 in Mojave involving Israel Lucas*
- 2. March 23, 2020 at the 3000 block of Pat Avenue in Mojave involving Charles Walsh*
- 3. April 12, 2020 at the 7800 block of Florence Street in Lamont involving Javier Vidal*
- 4. April 18, 2020 at the 300 block of May Street in Oildale involving Gracianos Ceballos*
- 5. May 7, 2020 at the 900 block of 16th Street in Wasco involving Daniel Gomez*
- 6. June 7, 2020 on Highway 99 in SW Bakersfield involving Juan Carlos Alvarez*
- 7. June 12, 2020 at the 300 block of Water Street in NE Bakersfield involving Tony Gutierrez Jr.*

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Request for Grant Request:

KCSO will provide you a copy of the grant request responsive to your request. The record will be transmitted electronically with this correspondence.

Requests for body camera footage:

Nos. 1, 2 and 6: The KCSO has no records responsive to these requests.

Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7<sup>1</sup>: The KCSO possesses records responsive to these requests. However, the record(s) you seek are exempt from disclosure at this time pursuant to Gov. Code 6254(f)(4)(A)(ii). Specifically, disclosure of the records you seek will interfere with a pending investigation requiring the interview of individuals/possible witnesses. Therefore, we cannot provide you the record(s) requested. Pursuant to the code we will reassess the withholding of these records and provide you status updates and/or notify you when the record(s) become available.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 661-391-7518 or email: [walshm@kernsheriff.org](mailto:walshm@kernsheriff.org)

Sincerely,

**DONNY YOUNGBLOOD,**  
Sheriff – Coroner, County of Kern County

By:

  
MaryClaire Walsh  
Civil Litigation Coordinator

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<sup>1</sup> Regarding your requests Nos. 5 and 7, Mason Rockfellow from your organization previously requested these records on May 7, 2020 and July 20, 2020. Mr. Rockfellow was informed that the records are exempt and has been provided status updates pursuant to the law.