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June 28, 2020

Sheriff Alex Villanueva
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 W. Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Re: The Guardado Family's Demand for the Immediate Release of Los Angeles
County Coroner's Autopsy Report of Andres Guardado**

Dear Sheriff Villanueva,

This firm is retained by Elisa and Cristobal Guardado, the parents of Andres Guardado, in connection with his death at the hands of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

We write to demand the immediate release of the Los Angeles County Coroner's autopsy report of Andres Guardado. It is our understanding that Andres' autopsy was completed on June 21, 2020 and without explanation or justification, the autopsy report has been placed under a "security hold" by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department thereby preventing the report's release and the disclosure of the facts therein.

On June 18, 2020 at approximately 5:53 p.m., 18-year-old Andres Guardado was gunned down by a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department deputy who fired no less than six (6) shots at his back while he was running away down an alley in the City of Gardena. We have been informed that Andres' body was left in the alley overnight, while the family waited to see and mourn their son's death, only to be denied any access to see him. Moreover, the entire time that their son's body was in the custody of the Los Angeles County Coroner's office, the family was also prevented from seeing him there.

Still today, the results of that autopsy have not been disclosed, thus depriving the Guardado family from knowing the cause of their son's death.

Sheriff Villanueva, you have said that the Sheriff's Department is "committed to transparency and strengthening community faith in the investigative process" – while simultaneously preventing the release of the autopsy report. Your actions give new meaning to the word "transparency" by failing to timely disclose the details of what happened to this young man and leaves little doubt that the Department has no interest in transparency, fairness, or any degree of empathy to this family.

We demand the immediate and unconditional release of Andres' autopsy report. Anything less will further stain what has rapidly become a secretive and cloaked investigation apparently intended to allow the Sheriff's Department to simply buy more time.

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The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department either stands for transparency, or it doesn't. We are challenging the Sheriff's Department to step forward and do the right thing by allowing this family the ability to begin the process of grieving and healing.

Sincerely,



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