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Eduardo Baca
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Consul Baca,

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the death of Mr. Antonio Zambrano Montes on February 10, 2015. I want to assure you that the Pasco Police Department and other law enforcement agencies have taken immediate steps to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

In accordance with department policy, the three officers involved in the incident have been placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of an investigation led by the Tri-City Special Investigation Unit (SIU). The purpose of the SIU is to investigate officer-involved incidents that occur within Benton and Franklin Counties which involve great bodily harm or death. The Kennewick Police Department is leading this SIU investigation with a total of 15 investigators from the following agencies: Kennewick Police, Richland Police, Benton County Sheriff, Franklin County Sheriff, and the Washington State Patrol.

The Pasco Police Department is not a part of the investigation team to avoid the appearance of a conflict of interest. We have no input into the process nor can we influence the result.

Upon completion of the SIU investigation, a report will be forwarded to the Franklin County Prosecutor's Office to be reviewed for any further action. The Franklin County Prosecutor is an independently elected official who will decide whether criminal charges are warranted against any of the officers.

We lament the loss of life of any of our residents and I have personally expressed my condolences to the family of Mr. Montes. The Pasco Police Department continually strives to better serve and protect the public.

I appreciate your interest in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me for further information and updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Metzger".

Chief Robert Metzger
City of Pasco