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COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF



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Dear Ms. Castle

PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST #22-11912SE

This letter is in response to your request for records under the California Public Records Act dated and received by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Discovery Unit on May 4, 2022.

Based on your request, you are seeking peace officer records for Deputy Blake Runge pursuant to SB 1421 which specifically includes incidents involving the discharge of a firearm at a person, use of force that resulted in death or great bodily injury, records related to sustained findings of sexual assault involving a member of the public, and certain records related to sustained findings of dishonesty.

Response: The Department located two incidents for Deputy Blake Runge that meets SB 1421 criteria, Case# FO2526126 and SH2542114.

Case# FO2526126, the non-exempt records responsive to your request are enclosed. Attached is the comprehensive investigative summary for the incident. The investigative summary includes all facts established during the investigation. Additional records are available upon request.

Portions of these records are redacted under, but not limited to, the following authorities: California Constitution, article I, section 1; and Government Code sections 6254(c), (f), (k) and 6255(a).

Case# SH2542114 is part of an ongoing and active criminal investigation and are therefore exempt from disclosure; County of Orange v. Superior Court (2000) 79 Cal.App.4th 759, 764 ("Evidence gathered by police as part of an ongoing criminal investigation is by its nature confidential. This notion finds expression in both case and statutory law."); see also Williams v. Superior

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Court (1993) 5 Cal.4th 337, 361-62; Rackauckas v. Superior Court (2002) 104 Cal.App.4th 169.

The disclosure of such information would also jeopardize the completion of an ongoing and active criminal investigation, as well as the potential safety of witnesses, which clearly outweighs the public interest in disclosure at this time and is therefore exempt under Government Code section 6255(a). These records are further exempt under Government Code section 6254(k) because they are protected from disclosure by federal, state, and common law privileges, including, but not limited to, the privilege for official information.

If you have any questions, please contact the Public Records Act section of the Discovery Unit via email at DiscoveryUnitPRArequests@lasd.org or phone at (323) 890-5050.

Sincerely,

ALEX VILLANUEVA, SHERIFF

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shawnee N. Hinchman", followed by the initials "JNA" written in a similar style.

Shawnee N. Hinchman, Captain
Risk Management Bureau