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District Attorney

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Via Email and U.S. Mail

Sheriff Vicki L. Hennessy
San Francisco Sheriff's Department
25 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Re: SFSD IAU Case #2017-0002; *In re Raymond Fields*

Dear Sheriff Hennessy:

The Independent Investigations Bureau (IIB) has completed its review of Raymond Fields's (AKA Raymond Crum) June 10, 2016 death while he was in the custody of the San Francisco Sheriff's Department (SFSD). After a thorough review of the available evidence, we have concluded that there is no evidence of criminal misconduct. Accordingly, the District Attorney declines to file any criminal charges in this matter.

IIB focused exclusively on determining whether criminal charges relating to any sheriff deputy's conduct are warranted. This review did not examine collateral issues such as any sheriff deputy's compliance with internal SFSD policies and procedures, their training or tactics, or any issues related to civil liability. The decision not to pursue criminal charges should not be interpreted as expressing any opinion on such non-criminal matters.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Fields was arrested on March 8, 2016, for an outstanding no-bail arrest warrant. He was subsequently sentenced to 180 days in custody for a parole violation and housed at County Jail 2.

On or about May 4, 2016, Mr. Fields was taken to [REDACTED] Medical Information Redacted
[REDACTED] Medical Information Redacted

On May 24, 2016, Mr. Fields was transported to [REDACTED] Medical Information Redacted
[REDACTED] Medical Information Redacted

San Francisco Chief Medical Examiner Michael D. Hunter subsequently conducted an autopsy and concluded that Mr. Fields died of natural causes. The cause of death was metastatic hepatocellular carcinoma, a form of liver cancer, and Hepatitis C was also a contributing factor. Dr. Hunter found no obvious trauma on Mr. Fields's body.

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Because Mr. Fields' death stemmed from natural causes and there is no allegation or evidence of any type of use of force or other criminal conduct at all in this matter, the District Attorney will close its file. In the event that the SFSD uncovers any additional evidence, please contact Andy Huang, IIB's Managing Attorney, at [REDACTED], to further discuss this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you and your Department for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



GEORGE GASCON
District Attorney

cc: Lieutenant Charles Flewellen, SFSD Internal Affairs Unit