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Via Electronic Mail & USPS Chief William Scott San Francisco Police Department 1245 3rd Street San Francisco, CA 94158

Re: IIB Case #2021-001; In re Renea Hatzantonis

Dear Chief Scott:

The San Francisco District Attorney's Office's Independent Investigations Bureau (IIB) has completed its review of the January 14, 2021 use of force incident involving San Francisco Police Department (SFPD) officers and Ms. Renea Hatzantonis. Based on a thorough review of the available evidence, we have concluded that there is insufficient evidence to support a finding of criminal misconduct by any of the officers at this time. Accordingly, the District Attorney's Office is declining to file criminal charges in this matter based on the evidence presently available

IIB's review of the case focused exclusively on whether criminal charges relating to any conduct by SFPD officers are warranted. The review did not examine issues such as any officer's compliance with internal SFPD 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.

On the date listed above, at approximately 8:37 p.m., officers responded to the area of Franklin and Broadway streets regarding the call of a possible mentally disturbed person. Multiple 911 callers indicated that a female was in the middle of the intersection screaming to herself and almost being hit by passing vehicles. Upon arrival, officers located the female, later identified as Ms. Hatzantonis, and attempted to detain her, while she swung her arms and attempted to evade officers. Using control holds, officers were able to take Ms. Hatzantonis down to the ground and handcuff her. While on the ground attempting to handcuff Ms. Hatzantonis, officers noticed that she had two (2) small pairs of scissors in her hands. Officers were able to safely remove the scissors from Ms. Hatzantonis's possession. Ms. Hatzantonis was thereafter detained and was thereafter transported to a local hospital for treatment for her injuries.

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As there is insufficient evidence of an unlawful use of force or other criminal conduct by SFPD officers based on the available evidence, the District Attorney's Office will close its file. If SFPD uncovers additional evidence, please contact IIB in order to revisit this matter, if appropriate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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cc: Captain Mark Cota, Risk Management Office Lieutenant Quoc Do, SFPD Investigative Services Detail