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**City Asks Attorney General for Independent Investigation into Shooting**

*Daly City, CA* – The City Council has asked California Attorney General Rob Bonta’s office to conduct an independent investigation into the April 7, 2021 officer-involved shooting of Roger Allen. The City also plans to hire an outside, independent expert to lead the administrative investigation that includes reviewing whether the officers complied with police policies, procedures and tactics.

“We are taking these important steps to provide the community with the most independent, impartial and transparent investigations possible,” said Mayor Juslyn C. Manalo. “Building and maintaining trust is a foundational priority, and the City Council and I take this responsibility very seriously.”

The City Council gave final approval earlier this month to purchase body-worn and patrol-vehicle cameras.

The San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office is leading the investigation into whether the officers acted within the law. At 1:55 p.m. on April 7, officers came upon a parked truck with a flat tire. After officers saw a gun, a struggle with Mr. Allen ensued. When the gun (later determined to be a replica) was pointed at the face of an officer, an officer-involved shooting occurred.

On July 1, 2021, Assembly Bill 1506 goes into effect, providing Bonta’s office with the ability to take over District Attorney’s Office investigations into officer-involved shootings of unarmed civilians. On Friday, at the request of the City Council, City Attorney Rose Zimmerman sent a letter to Bonta requesting that his office begin a parallel investigation even though the new law isn’t yet in effect and Allen appeared to be armed.

“We are aware of OIS incidents in which your office joined local law enforcement in such investigations,” wrote City Attorney Rose Zimmerman. “In anticipation of the new laws, which authorizes the California Department of Justice to take over investigations of officer-involved shootings, we also seek your office’s direction to conduct an independent investigation of the OIS and guidance regarding the policies, procedures, or protocols that would dictate when a local law enforcement agency’s use of deadly force warrants an independent investigation by the Office of the Attorney General, Department of Justice.”

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