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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

JOYCE E. DUDLEY District Attorney



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<u>Stephen Foley, Chief Deputy District Attorney</u>

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Re: Officer Israel Diaz Investigation

The District Attorney's Office, in collaboration with the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office, has conducted a thorough investigation and review of all of the facts and potential charges against Santa Maria Police Department Officer Israel Diaz. It is our ethical obligation to file charges when we believe we can prove them beyond a reasonable doubt to a jury of twelve people. We have concluded that there is insufficient evidence at this time to prove any charges beyond a reasonable doubt against Officer Israel Diaz stemming from his arrest on October 9, 2010.

Any questions in this matter should be directed to Chief Deputy District Attorney Stephen Foley at (805) 346-7527.