



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
COUNTY OF TULARE

Tim Ward, *District Attorney*

September 2, 2020

Chief Eric Kroutil
Porterville Police Department
350 N. D Street
Porterville, CA 93257

Dear Chief Kroutil:

The Tulare County District Attorney's Office has conducted a review of Porterville Police Department's case number 19-3862. This case focused on your investigation related to the Delano Police Department's fatal incident involving Arturo Ramirez that occurred in the city of Delano on June 14th, 2019. The purpose of our review was to determine whether criminal charges were warranted against Delano Police Officer Michael Strand.

Our review included presenting this case to a Tulare County Grand Jury. On September 2, 2020 the Grand Jury brought forth no true bill, deciding not to indict Michael Strand on criminal charges. This decision finalizes our review of the this case. The scope of the review was limited to the question of whether criminal charges would be appropriate. Questions concerning proper police procedure, discipline, or civil liability are beyond the proper scope of prosecutorial review.

No further action is contemplated by the District Attorney's Office at this time. If this office can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Daniel Underwood
Chief Deputy District Attorney