

December 6, 2017

Chief Michael Geier
Chief of Police
Albuquerque Police Department
400 Roma Ave. NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

RE: Suicide of Marcos Delgado on August 8, 2014
APD case # 140073297; DA case # 2014-0516-1

Dear Chief Geier:

District Attorney Raul Torrez has asked me to address the backlog of officer involved shooting cases. The report of the investigation of Marcos Delgado's suicide on August 8, 2014 was included in those files, but the investigation clearly established that Marcos Delgado committed suicide to avoid capture: he had killed his ex-girlfriend and wounded several other people in a shooting spree four days earlier. At the time of his suicide, he was alone on a residential street. The self-inflicted shot was witnessed by a neighborhood resident. The Office of the Medical Investigator ruled the death a suicide. Police officers were closing in just before he shot himself, but he had briefly eluded them; no officers were present when he pulled the trigger, and the police agencies were not aware that he had killed himself until the residents of the neighborhood called 911 to report it.

Marcos Delgado died by his own hand, not through the actions of any law enforcement officers, and therefore the case is not appropriate for an Officer Involved Shooting review. We will be closing our file.

Very truly yours,



Michael D. Cox
Special Prosecutor

Cc: Raul Torrez, District Attorney, Second Judicial District
Detective Jodi Gonterman, Albuquerque, Police Department