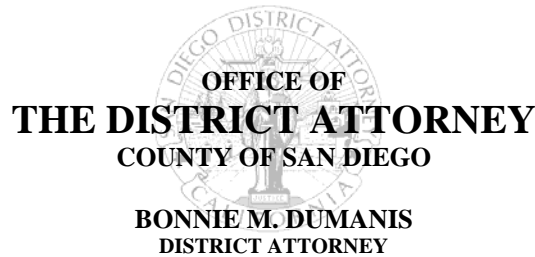


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DA Dumanis Charges Off-Duty SDPD Officer for Shooting Into Vehicle During Road Rage Incident

San Diego County District Attorney [Bonnie M. Dumanis](#) said today she is filing charges against an off-duty San Diego Police Officer in connection with the shooting of Rachel Silva and her son, Johnny during a road rage incident on March 15, 2008 in Oceanside.

Officer Frank White, who was off duty at the time of the shooting, is being charged with one felony count of gross negligent discharge of a firearm with two enhancements for great bodily injury, and one misdemeanor count of exhibiting a firearm. The charges carry a maximum penalty of nine years in prison. The boy was 8-years old at the time of the incident.

Every officer-involved shooting is carefully reviewed by the District Attorney's Office to determine if criminal charges should be filed," said DA Dumanis. "Based on the evidence and the law, these charges are appropriate."

The incident occurred when White and his wife encountered Rachel Silva, who was driving with her son in the passenger seat. The apparent road rage incident ended with White firing five rounds into Silva's car, striking her twice in the arm and her son once in the knee.

The Oceanside Police Department conducted an initial investigation following the officer-involved shooting protocol and turned the case over to the District Attorney's Office on April 16th, 2008 for a determination on any possible charges. In making the determination whether to file charges, the District Attorney's Office conducted an additional investigation and a thorough review of the case.

The District Attorney's Office provides an independent review of all officer-involved shootings to determine if peace officers in San Diego County are performing their duties in a legally justified manner. This review does not examine such issues as compliance with the policies and procedures of any law enforcement agency, ways to improve training, or any issues related to civil liability.

An arrest warrant was issued for White, who has agreed to formally surrender for arraignment in Superior Court Department 14 at the Vista Courthouse on July 29, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. A copy of the arrest warrant, affidavit, and criminal complaint are available at the Superior Court Clerk's office at the Vista Courthouse.

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