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District Attorney's Office Releases Reviews of Five Officer-Involved Shootings

The San Diego County District Attorney has completed reviews of five officer-involved shooting incidents. In four of the five incidents, the suspect aimed a gun at officers.

Officer-involved shootings are reviewed by the District Attorney's Office's Special Operations Division for violations of state law, including murder and manslaughter. The loss of life no matter the circumstances is always serious and somber. The Special Operations Division consists of prosecutors and investigators experienced in evaluating these complex cases. The results of the review are documented in a detailed public letter that is provided to the law enforcement agencies and transparently posted on the DA's website. Substantial efforts are also made to share the results of the review with families of the deceased and to answer their questions.

The letters generally include a summary of the incident, names of persons involved, civilian witness and law enforcement statements, an overview of the investigation, the Medical Examiner's findings (including toxicology reports), a discussion of the legal standard used when evaluating these incidents for potential criminal liability and the DA's conclusion.

After a thorough review of the facts and evidence, it's been determined that the law enforcement officers involved in all five of these incidents bear no criminal liability for their actions.

The DA's release includes its review of the following incidents:

- An Escondido police officer was attempting to handcuff **Douglas Quinn**, who had an outstanding felony warrant for his arrest. Quinn pulled a 9mm gun from his rear waistband and shot at the officer after saying, "I ain't going." Two officers returned fire. Although Quinn was wounded, he again shot at officers. Read the DA's letter [here](#).
- **Perri Sammarco** took a man hostage, holding a knife to his neck and threatening to cut his throat in front of officers. Hostage negotiators tried to defuse the situation, but Sammarco began cutting the hostage's neck causing him to bleed. A Chula Vista police officer fired one round at Sammarco, ending the standoff. Read the DA's letter [here](#).
- San Diego police officers responded to reports of a trolley passenger, **Mauricio Sanchez Ramos**, who was foaming at the mouth and rocking back and forth. When officers

contacted Sanchez Ramos, he began walking toward them and ignored commands to drop and put his hands up. Sanchez Ramos reached into his waistband, pulled out what appeared to be a Glock-style handgun and pointed it at one of the officers, leading another officer to open fire. Read the DA's letter [here](#).

- When La Mesa police officers approached **Jason Hampton** with a warrant for his arrest, Hampton pointed a handgun at one of the officers and pulled the trigger. The gun jammed and an officer fired at Hampton but missed. A chase ensued and Hampton, still holding the gun, turned toward the officer who fired at him. Read the DA's letter [here](#).

The DA's detailed review letters regarding the above incidents, as well as the non-fatal officer-involved shooting of [Jorge Sandoval](#), can be found on the District Attorney's [public website here](#).

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The San Diego County DA's Office prosecutes all felony crimes in the county and misdemeanor crimes committed outside the City of San Diego. The office files about 40,000 criminal cases a year and balances prosecution with numerous crime prevention programs. District Attorney Summer Stephan leads the office of more than 1,000 dedicated employees who pursue fair and equal justice, and support victims daily across San Diego County.

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