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July 12, 2021

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Department of the Prosecuting Attorney  
City and County of Honolulu  
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Re: Law Enforcement Officer Related Death of Renie Cablay

Dear Prosecuting Attorney Alm,

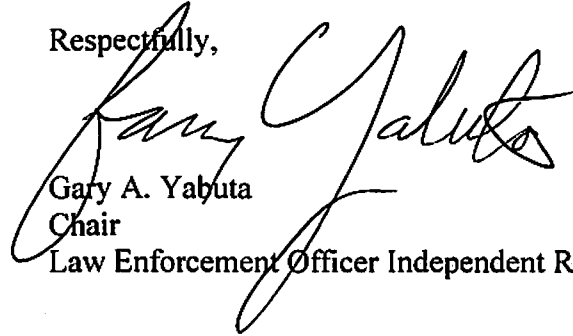
Pursuant to section 28-153 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Law Enforcement Officer Independent Review Board (Board) reviewed the Honolulu Police Department investigation regarding the death of Renie Cablay. The Board finds that the police investigation was conducted fairly and recommends that prosecution be declined in this matter.

On June 1, 2018, at approximately 9:00 p.m. at an apartment residence, Mr. Cablay was ready to lunge at an officer two feet away with a 10" knife. The officers were on scene investigating a motor vehicle collision and a leaving the scene incident. The shooting by the officer was precipitated by Mr. Cablay lunging at the officer with the knife, hence the officer's actions fall clearly within the use of force in self-protection and the protection of others. In addition to protecting himself, there were grounds to believe the officer who fired the fatal shots was also protecting others. Based upon a thorough review of the police reports, and a discussion of sections 703-304 and 703-305 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Board recommends that prosecution be declined.

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As your office has already declined prosecution, this written recommendation will be released and posted on the board's website.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Yabuta". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "G".

Gary A. Yabuta  
Chair

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