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March 28, 2022

Kelden B.A. Waltjen
Prosecuting Attorney
Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
655 Kilauea Avenue
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Re: Law Enforcement Officer Related Death of Charren Ornellas on
March 20, 2021

Dear Prosecuting Attorney Waltjen,

Pursuant to section 28-153 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), the Law Enforcement Officer Independent Review Board ("Board") reviewed the investigation submitted by the Hawaii Police Department. After thorough evaluation of the materials and information submitted, and discussion of the facts and circumstances of the case, the Board finds that the investigation was fairly conducted with respect to officers' involvement and contact with the decedent, and the Board recommends that prosecution in this matter be declined.

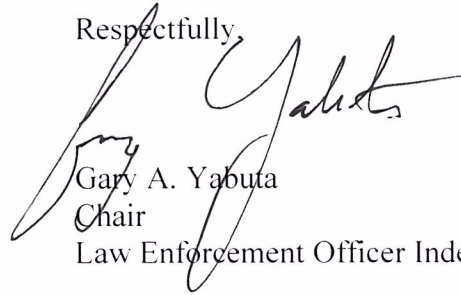
This recommendation is confidential until release by the Board pursuant to HRS § 28-153(h), which provides that:

Once the board has issued the board's recommendation pursuant to subsection (f) and any criminal prosecution or proceedings in the State related to the officer-involved death have been adjudicated, the board shall release the board's recommendations and any accompanying reports, documents, and information, unless otherwise prohibited by law.

Please inform the Board of your decision as to whether you will prosecute the officers involved in the death of Charren Ornellas to allow the Board to comply with its statutory obligation to disclose its recommendation under s HRS § 28-1 53(h).

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary A. Yabuta". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gary A. Yabuta
Chair

Law Enforcement Officer Independent Review Board