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Statement by San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman regarding the release of surveillance video evidence in the April 30, 2015 Officer Involved Shooting

SAN DIEGO -*"No San Diego Police officer comes to work wanting to use deadly force. The events that led to the death of Mr. Fridoon Nehad on April 30, 2015 were a tragedy for the Nehad family and for Officer Browder. Officer Browder is a 27 year veteran who has spent his entire career in patrol serving the citizens of San Diego. He has an exemplary record receiving numerous commendations.*

A Federal Court Judge has made the decision to lift the protective order regarding the release of the video surveillance evidence and I respect the judge's decision. The judge had to balance the importance of due process rights with the need for public disclosure while, at the same time, protecting the integrity of the investigations. Although the state criminal review has been completed, this case is still under review by the FBI, our Internal Affairs Unit, and will ultimately be reviewed by our independent Citizen's Review Board on Police Practices.

I am working with District Attorney Dumanis, Sheriff Gore, United States Attorney Laura Duffy, and other county police chief's in developing a countywide protocol regarding the public release of video evidence."

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