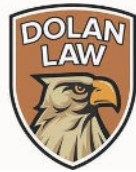


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Family of LAPD Shooting Victim, Ricky Ramirez Jr., Speaks Out in Outrage

The following is a statement from Renee Villalobos, Ricardo Ramirez Sr., and their attorney, Christopher Dolan, following today's release of the Critical Incident Briefing and accompanying video showing the shooting death of their son, Ricky Jr.

Ricardo Sr. issues the following statement: "It is a parent's worst nightmare to hear their child has been killed, now seeing the video the horror worsens: Ricky was shot in cold blood with both of his hands outstretched with clearly no gun. There was no immediate threat to the officer, which warranted shooting Ricky. You can see the officer already had his gun out as Ricky approached the car. He pointed it and without even saying "stop, police," he shot Ricky dead. Both of Ricky's hands are visible and there is no gun. He killed my son in cold blood."

Renee, Ricky's mother, issues the following statement, "I saw my boy brought into this world and, horribly, I saw him taken out of this world by a trigger-happy cop. Ricky didn't have any weapon; you can see his hands clearly. You can also see Sergeant Pounds raise his gun, point it right at my son, and kill him dead. It breaks my heart to see my boy fall to the ground and try to crawl away from the shooter and collapse in the street. There is no excuse for killing Ricky, none, and I hope that the District Attorney and Department of Justice prosecute Sargent Pounds for murdering my son."

Christopher Dolan, attorney for the family stated: "Once again, we see a LAPD officer, trained to protect and serve, serving up death and destruction by shooting down an 18-year-old boy in cold blood. The law says that you cannot use deadly force except to repel deadly force from being used against you. The videos show no force, much less deadly force, ever exhibited against the first vehicle, which stopped at 66th and Figueroa nor the second vehicle driven by Sgt. Pounds. In the incident with the first vehicle, the occupants got out of the Cadillac, spoke to the occupants of the other vehicle, and let them drive on by. There were no weapons spotted and no physical contact or damage to the car occurred. Likewise, there was no physical contact with the driver or passenger. The police radio traffic said that the observing officers thought there had been a "traffic accident." The first officers followed police procedure and **called for a black and white marked car** to affect a traffic stop. One officer said, "just call it, have 'em stop them." Instead, Sgt. Pounds tailed them closely for ten blocks. At no time do we see any lights or siren activated. When the Cadillac stopped again, and Ricky approached the sedan, which looked just like the one they originally interacted with, clearly there was nothing in his hands.

Witnesses never heard Sgt. Pounds announce he was a police officer, he never said hands up, back away from the car, I'm a cop, nothing. Ricky's arms were wide open, and when he was several feet away, you can see the gun come up and shoot. It is a despicable classic case of shoot first, and ask questions later. Clearly, that gun was out and ready to go before Ricky ever got to the car. Ricky Jr. engaged in no action which would lead any reasonable person, much less a trained police sergeant, to think he needed to use deadly force. Sgt. Pounds is the only one who threatened or used deadly force that night. This shooting is a violation of both LAPD policy and Ricky Junior's Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We will vigorously prosecute this case to bring Ricky and his family justice."

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