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District Attorney Jan Scully announced that her office will resume review of officer involved shooting cases. The procedure will consist of a legal review and analysis of whether the shooting was lawful, or provides the basis for criminal prosecution of the officer.

In 2011, after severe budget cuts, the District Attorney's Office eliminated regular review of all officer involved shooting cases. The District Attorney would investigate and review some individual cases on special request that were clearly sensitive in nature. Only a few such cases were reviewed under this standard.

Although the District Attorney noted that her budget is by no means ideal, her resources have stabilized to the point where the Special Investigations section of the office can be reorganized, and once again include review of shootings and in-custody deaths. The review process will not include a regular system of having D.A. investigators respond to shooting investigations or conducting independent witness interviews or investigation as had been the case until July 2011. The D.A.'s review and legal analysis will be based solely on the investigation materials from the police agency's own investigation. However, the District Attorney will provide investigator response if there are extenuating circumstances, which has been the practice for the last two years.

District Attorney Scully explained that she could not decide to institute the shooting reviews before knowing what her budget would be for the year, and whether layoffs would be required. The County passed the budget for the new fiscal year on June 11. Scully welcomed the recommendation of the Grand Jury, released today, that the Board of Supervisors provide full funding for the D.A.'s investigation and review of officer involved shootings and in-custody death cases.

[View letter](#) from DA Scully to law enforcement agencies informing them of the reinstatement of the review of officer involved shootings.