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Dear Friends:

This month, I would like to talk to you about a topic that is very much in the news: officer-involved shootings.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office probably reviews more officer-involved shooting than any other prosecutorial office in the nation. We take our job very, very seriously. We realize that the community is concerned and the parties involved are concerned.

After reviewing the evidence and our final report, I decide whether, in fact, this decision is being made on sound reasoning and in accordance with the law.

In the very near future, you, members of the public, will be able to see our final reports on all officer-involved shootings, retroactive to January 2016. That's because we are going to post them on our website so that you have a chance to read a summary of the evidence.

As you know, sometimes on television all you see is a small snippet via a camera as to what happened, but there is so much more – as you will soon learn from looking at the reports – that goes into these important decisions.

We believe our office does a great job of reviewing these cases and coming out with some good decisions in some very tough matters.

I hope you will find these reports interesting and useful and have a chance to see more about what the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is doing to protect the community.

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