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Citizen Review Board
c/o Michael Behrend, Chairperson
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Dear Mr. Behrend:

This is a response to your letter dated January 26, 2015, in which you request a federal investigation into the death of Charles Eimers in Key West, FL. We apologize for our delay in responding. Mr. Eimers was hospitalized for injuries he sustained during a November 28, 2013 arrest by several City of Key West Police Officers. He passed away on December 4, 2013. The Citizen Review Board is concerned that Mr. Eimers may have been the victim of excessive force on the part of law enforcement and that his death did not receive an impartial investigation.

The Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division is responsible for enforcing federal criminal civil rights statutes. Much of our enforcement activity relates to the investigation and prosecution of deprivations of civil rights under color of law. These matters generally involve allegations of excessive physical force or sexual abuse by law enforcement officers.

We have carefully reviewed the information which you furnished. Federal officials are currently investigating the matter. You can be assured that if the evidence shows there was a prosecutable violation of a federal criminal civil rights statute, appropriate action will be taken.

Thank you for bringing the death of Mr. Charles Eimers to our attention.

Sincerely,

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