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Re: Attorney General – Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team

Attorney General Aaron D. Ford:

This letter is to confirm that the Nevada Attorney General – Statewide Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (AG-SDVFRT) did not conduct a case review in 2020.

Since the establishment of the team in 2012, at least one case has been reviewed by the AG-SDVFRT each year (except 2017). Cases are selected through a review of the District Attorney Office's Reporting Forms for all murder-voluntary manslaughter convictions that are submitted to the Nevada Office of the Attorney General by February 1 of each year, per NRS 178.750. The Reporting Forms that are submitted with domestic violence convictions in rural Nevada are evaluated to identify cases that meet the screening criteria for review.

To be eligible for review by the AG-SDVFRT, cases must meet the following criteria:

- The perpetrator and the victim must be in a relationship characterized by the NRS 33.018 definition of domestic violence;
- The incident must have resulted in a death;
- The incident must have occurred outside of Clark or Washoe County;
- The case must be fully adjudicated.

Once screened as a potential case for review, cases are then researched by an attorney with the Nevada Attorney General's Office to ensure that the case is fully adjudicated and any additional history about the parties may be available for review.

Cases selected for review must meet the requirements listed above as well as have some additional history available for the team to conduct the timeline review process. Cases where the fatality appeared to be an isolated incident with no prior criminal or domestic violence history (per official records or statements from friends/family) are often not a good fit for review and are therefore not selected. The primary goal of the review team is to conduct the timeline cases review to identify red flags where system interventions could have occurred, as well as make recommendations for prevention.

Upon review by the Deputy Attorney General, and myself, the Domestic Violence Ombudsman, no cases met these requirements in 2020 and therefore the team did not conduct a case review. In preparation for this year, reports will be reviewed in early 2021 to identify new cases that meet the criteria or assess whether any previously reviewed cases have become qualified.

Sincerely,

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