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1:00 PM FRIDAY
JOHN BURRIS PRESS CONFERENCE

What: John Burris Press Conference

Who: Civil Rights attorney John L. Burris; the Family of Luis Góngora Pat; Mayan community, Justice & Honor for Luis Góngora Pat, Justice & Love for Alex Nieto and Justice for Amilcar Perez Lopez Coalitions.

Where: Nave of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Evangelist 1661 -15th Street, San Francisco, CA 94301

When: June 17, 2016, at 1:00 p.m.

Civil Rights Attorney John Burris Announces the Filing of Claim Against the City and County of San Francisco for the Killing of Luis Góngora Pat

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San Francisco CA---Civil Rights attorney John Burris; the family and friends of Luis Góngora Pat, the Mayan Community, Justice & Honor for Luis Góngora Pat, Justice & Love for Alex Nieto and Justice for Amilcar Perez Lopez Coalitions and various other community groups will hold a press conference to announce the filing of a Claim against the City and County of San Francisco for the April 7, 2016 unlawful shooting death of Luis Góngora Pat at the hands of Sgt. Nate Steger and Officer Michael Mellone. The Claim is the first step toward filing a civil law suit.

On April 7, 2016, three SFPD Officers responded to a call of a person holding a knife on Shotwell Street. According to several independent witnesses, when the officers arrived, they found Mr. Góngora sitting down with his back resting against the wall of a building. The Officers claim a knife Mr. Góngora held in his hand was a threat. However, none of the witnesses accounts indicate he was acting aggressively with the knife when officers arrived. Nevertheless, witnesses, the physical evidence, and the shocking video tape of the incident indicate the Officers got out of their patrol car and unnecessarily provoked a deadly confrontation with Mr. Góngora within less than 30 seconds. The Officers fired a total of 7 bullets and at least 4 shotgun propelled bean bags at Mr. Góngora. Many of the gun shots and bean bag rounds struck Mr. Góngora on his right flank indicating Góngora was not standing erect but was either falling down or lying prone when the Officers used deadly force against him. Witness accounts also suggest Mr. Góngora no longer possessed the knife after the first bean bag round struck him in his rear flank.

Incensed by what he considers a pattern and practice of SFPD Officers "to shoot first and analyze later" Burris remarked that "in less than 30 seconds the involved SFPD officers violated their training and common sense by provoking a needless confrontation and ignoring the alternatives to deescalate the situation. Tragically, as a result of their recklessness, Mr. Góngora lost his life."

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