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**BREAKING NEWS
3:00 pm
PRESS CONFERENCE**

**Civil Rights Attorney And Grieving Mother of 16-Year-Old Girl Ambushed By
"Undercover" Fremont Cops
With Assault Weapons Announce Filing of Federal Lawsuit**

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What: John Burris Press Conference

Who: Law Offices of John Burris; and the family of Elena Mondragon

Where: Law Offices of John L. Burris, [7677 Oakport Street, Suite 1120, Oakland, Ca.](#)

When: Wednesday, March 14, 2018, at 3:00 p.m.

What: Press Conference to Announce a Federal Lawsuit Filing for the mother of Elena Mondragon, Whose 16-Year-Old Daughter Was Shot and Killed by Undercover Fremont Police Officers Who Ambushed a Group of Teenagers and Opened Fire on the Them Using AR15's

OAKLAND CA--- Civil Rights Attorney John Burris will detail the charges in his Federal lawsuit filed today, on behalf of the mother of Elena Mondragon, whose 16-year old daughter was gunned down by two, undercover Fremont Police Officers on March 14, 2017. According to Attorney Burris, ‘Plain-clothed, undercover officers from the Southern Alameda Major Crime Taskforce ambushed a group of teens as were leaving from a swimming pool and opened fire on the young people using assault rifles.’ Burris exclaims that “Shockingly, officers engaged in a series of egregious tactical errors and contravened their training and basic common sense, which resulted in an outrageous loss of innocent life.”

In the late afternoon of March 14, 2017, Elena Mondragon, her cousin and two of their friends were swimming at the City View Apartment complex in Hayward. Unbeknownst to the group, a group of undercover officers from the Southern Alameda Major Crimes Taskforce were stalking the group, allegedly with the intention to take one of the young men into custody. Inexplicably, the officers did not attempt to take the man into custody

during his afternoon of swimming nor while he was walking back to the car but instead waited until the teens to get into a car. Out of nowhere, an unmarked Dodge minivan and unmarked Honda Pilot pulled in front of the car. Several men jumped out of the unmarked cars with assault rifles and did not identify themselves as police officers. None of the officers were wearing uniforms. The driver of the car attempted to escape from the would be the ambush and tried to drive away to safety. Fremont Police Sergeant Jeremy Miskella and Fremont Police Detective Joel Hernandez opened fire on the moving car, in violation of department policy. Elena Mondragon was struck by four bullets and later died in the hospital. Inexplicably, none of the five officers present had their body-worn cameras activated at the time of the shooting.

John Burris will announce the filing of a federal civil rights lawsuit and will express his, 'Outrage and disgust that the Alameda County District Attorney has decided to file charges against the driver of the car, instead of the two Fremont Police Officers who acted with reckless disregard for department policy, safe tactics and human life by opening fire on a moving car full of teenagers.'

Elena Mondragon leaves behind grieving parents and an outraged community.

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