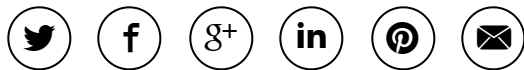


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# A Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Orders the Release of El Monte Police Officers' Personnel Records.

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## The Family of Khoa Anh Le and their attorneys Alex Galindo and Richard Wynn See Justice for Khoa Anh Le

### LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (PRWEB) DECEMBER 05, 2013

Attorney [Alex Galindo](#) and [Richard Wynn](#) of the law offices of [Curd, Galindo & Smith LLP](#) who represent the family members of Khoa Anh Le report that the court on November 26, 2013 ruled in their Clients' favor. Court records in the civil case entitled Le v. City of El Monte filed in the Los Angeles Superior Court Case No.: BC 497169 show that the Los Angeles Superior Court ordered the El Monte Police Department to turn over the personnel records of officers Victor Ruiz and Jesus Rojas.

The next court hearing in the Los Angeles Superior Court is set for January 10, 2014.

Following the Court hearing on Tuesday evening November 26, 2013 various newspapers including the San Gabriel Valley Tribune and the [Pasadena Star](#) reported that Ron Thomas, a retired Orange County Sheriff Deputy, whose mentally ill homeless son (Kelly Thomas) died after being beaten by Fullerton Police, along with others appeared at the El Monte City Council meeting requesting answers regarding the beating death of schizophrenic Khoa Anh Le by El Monte Police officers.

The Fullerton Police officers in the Kelly Thomas case are currently on trial in Orange County Criminal Court.

The court records state that Khoa Anh Le died during a struggle with El Monte police officers, Victor Ruiz and Jesus Rojas, who were called to the scene by the family. The court records disclose that the two El Monte police officers struck Le several times with a flashlight and shocked him four times with a Taser before placing him in a choke hold. Official records contained in the court file indicate that Khoa Anh Le was taken to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.



Khoa Anh Le

The officers were cleared of any wrongdoing and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office did not pursue charges.

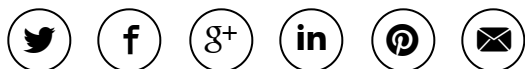
At the El Monte City council meeting, speakers called for accountability and for police officers to receive better training for the handling of the mentally ill.

At the hearing, as reported by the Pasadena Star, Ron Thomas stated, "Bring in the office of independent review and have them investigate this." At the hearing Mr. Thomas stated that he had spoken to both El Monte's police chief, Steve Schuster, and its city manager, Raul Godinez II in an effort to bring positive changes to the police department's tactics dealing with the mentally ill.

Mr. Galindo is a founding member of Curd, Galindo & Smith, LLP which is a full service law firm that represents both corporate and professional clients and those who have been seriously injured or have lost a family member due to an accident, defective product, police misconduct or negligence. The law firm has recovered millions of dollars for its clients since 1995 by winning complex and challenging business disputes, death and injury cases involving police misconduct, traffic collisions, work place injuries and defective products, including defective automobiles, against some of the world's largest companies and governmental agencies.

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