



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY CLARIFIES ISSUES REGARDING ACCESS TO BODY-WORN CAMERA RECORDINGS

Today, August 9, 2016, the Fresno County District Attorney's Office had an agenda item heard before the Fresno County Board of Supervisors regarding the D.A.'s access to recordings generated by Law Enforcement body-worn cameras (BWC's). Due to some confusion of the issues and misinformation before the public, the District Attorney wishes to clarify the facts after today's media stories.

Currently in Fresno County, only officers with the Fresno Police Department are outfitted with BWC's. The Clovis Police Department is in the process of outfitting their officers with BWC's.

From the first day that the Fresno Police Department began outfitting their officers with BWC's, they have provided the District Attorney's Office with access to **any and all** BWC recordings, which have included the raw and unedited recordings. The FPD has provided this access to D.A. employees as part of the discovery process, so that the D.A.'s Office can provide the recordings to the defense on cases that have BWC evidence.

Today's requested agenda item was **not** made in response to any individual or specific incident, but has been part of an ongoing process for the last year in order to provide access to all D.A. employees at no cost to the County of Fresno.

The Media may contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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