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Statement of Gloria Allred

Last week, March 13, 2015, Salome Rodriguez, who was only 23 years old, was shot and killed. He collapsed near the site of this vigil, which we are holding in his honor because we want him to be remembered for the loving son, cousin, nephew and friend that he was.

There is an arrest warrant out for the suspect. The warrant seeks the arrest of Henry Solis, who was a police officer with the Los Angeles Police Department and who was alleged to have been off duty at the time that he is accused by law enforcement of shooting and killing Salome.

Officer Solis was fired by the LAPD yesterday and LAPD chief Charlie Beck stated that Henry Solis, a 27-year-old rookie, has “dishonored” the LAPD. “The mere fact that he is not cooperating with the Pomona Police Department and he has not shown up for work is sufficient to terminate. Of course, if he was a tenured employee then we would have to go through the civil service process as described in the law for a termination, but this is one of those instances where I could take immediate action, so I will,” Beck said. “If Henry Solis is watching this ... you have dishonored this police department, your country and your service to the country and your family,” the chief said. “You should turn yourself in and face the consequences for your action.”

Henry Solis appears to have fled and law enforcement, including the FBI, is searching for him. Salome's family, especially Salome's mother, Lidia, also urges Mr. Solis to turn himself in to law enforcement as soon as possible.

Lidia wants to know the truth and the full story about how it came to be that her son met a sudden and tragic death apparently at the hands of a sworn police officer.

According to both his mother and father, Salome, who was also known as Junior, was a sweet and gentle son. He was employed full time and he had no criminal history.

Often, after a police shooting, there are conflicting and sometimes erroneous reports about what happened that led to the death of a victim.

There is an ongoing investigation and at this time all of the facts are not known. It is hurtful to Salome's family to hear reports that there was a fight that led to Salome's death. The family does not know if that is true or false, but they believe that if there was a fight that Salome would not have been the instigator and from everything we know at this point Salome was defenseless at the time he was killed.

The death of Salome has devastated his family. We urge anyone who has information, either about the killing of Salome or about the present whereabouts of Henry Solis to contact law enforcement at: Pomona Police Department's Detective Bureau at 909-620-2085, or they can contact me at my office at 323-653-6530.

Those who want to leave a tip anonymously are urged to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

A law enforcement officer is sworn to protect and serve. When innocent members of the public are killed, either by an on duty or off duty police officer, justice demands a complete investigation and that any suspects be arrested and prosecuted if there is probable cause to believe that the police officer has violated the trust placed in him or her and if there is probable cause to believe that that officer has violated the law.

We urge Henry Solis to return and face the justice system. There he will receive due process and have an opportunity to receive the justice that he deserves.

We ask him to listen to Salome's mother's plea urging him to return and tell her what happened to her son and why he was taken from her at such a young age. Nothing can bring back Salome to the arms of his mother and his family who have shed so many tears for him and who are devastated by his loss, but knowing the truth and achieving justice will go a long way to help them in their time of grief.

We look forward to the public's help and law enforcement's assistance so that Henry Solis will get the justice that he deserves.

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