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Statement of Preston Sertich

When I was younger, I wanted to be in law enforcement -- idolizing the hero, helping others, arresting criminals and saving lives.

To David Rojas: After losing my Mom and processing what you did to her in her time of need, I can't sleep. All I can think is, "Why?!" How could you do something like that? Why would you think something like that was acceptable? You had to know what you were doing was undeniably wrong and immoral.

To The City of Los Angeles & the LAPD: My trust in the police to do the right thing has been violated by this disgraceful act. That was my mother, someone's daughter, someone's sister. David Rojas' behavior was vile. David Rojas does not deserve to be a police officer. What has this officer gotten away with to believe this was even possible? Is there a pattern of behavior against women, arrestees or decedents? How could you employ this man and let him represent your City?

I would like to regain my trust in the police and believe that they are good people who are there to protect and serve the public rather than to harm them. Only time will tell.

Preston Sertich
Son of Elizabeth Baggett
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