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**San Francisco Sheriff's Department Statement Regarding Juan
Francisco Lopez-Sanchez**

The San Francisco Sheriff's Department (SFSD) is deeply saddened by the tragic death of Ms. Steinle and offer our sincere condolences to her family and friends.

Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez was booked into the San Francisco County Jail from federal prison on a local drug-related warrant on March 26, 2015. On March 27, 2015, Mr. Lopez-Sanchez was in San Francisco Superior Court on local charges which were dismissed by the court. SFSD began confirming that Mr. Lopez-Sanchez's federal prison time had been completed. At the time Mr. Lopez-Sanchez was booked, federal transportation orders reflected two conflicting release dates. SFSD verified that Mr. Lopez-Sanchez completed his federal prison sentence and was lawfully released from federal prison March 26, 2015. Once the SFSD confirmed that Mr. Lopez-Sanchez's federal prison time had been completed and that he had no active warrants, he was released from San Francisco County Jail on April 15, 2015.

When Mr. Lopez-Sanchez was booked into the jail, there was no active Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) warrant or judicial order of removal for him. There was an ICE request for his detention. Once Mr. Lopez-Sanchez's local criminal charges were dismissed, San Francisco Ordinance 130764, approved by the Board of Supervisors and signed by Mayor Ed Lee in October 2013, deemed him ineligible for extended detention. This also comports with the San Francisco Sheriff's Department Policy on immigration detainees.

While over 300 municipalities throughout the state and country, including the City and County of San Francisco, have amended their policies regarding ICE detainees, ICE has not changed its policies or procedures to reflect that detainees are requests and not a legal basis to hold an individual. Courts including the Oregon Federal District Court in *Miranda-Olivares v. Clackamas County* (No. 3:12-cv-02317-ST) have ruled accordingly. In instances where a warrant or court order is obtained, individuals would be returned to ICE for deportation proceedings.

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