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Statement on Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB) Letter

In a recent letter to the Citizens' Law Enforcement Review Board (CLERB), we misspoke on an important topic; how pregnant inmates are treated. *The Voice of San Diego* then published an article based on what they were provided. The mistake is not theirs, it is ours. Having realized our factual error, we want to set the record straight and explain how it happened and what our policy and practices actually are.

Our written policy and procedure is very clear. Pregnant women must not be restrained other than handcuffed in front of their body at any time. Furthermore, inmates who are in labor are not to be restrained at all absent exigent and unusual circumstances. Should those exigent and unusual circumstances be present, a detailed report must be written and the jail watch commander must be notified.

In our letter to CLERB, we relied on obsolete language in a jail related computer program as the basis of our response. This language did not match our current policy, procedures or practices and has been revised. The response that staff made to the CLERB recommendation was not vetted appropriately and CLERB was notified of our oversight, in public forum, on April 10, 2018 and the letter will be amended.

The care and respectful treatment of our pregnant inmates is a priority and we regret our misrepresentation of how we treat them.

Sheriff Bill Gore

