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**Subject: Parminder Shergill Update**

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Mark Merin, an attorney representing the family of Parminder Shergill, delivered a list of 17 witnesses to the January 25 officer-involved shooting and summaries of their statements to the Lodi Police Department Tuesday afternoon. He was accompanied by three members of Shergill's family. Police investigators are comparing Merin's list to their own.

"This meeting went exactly as we expected," Helms said. "We appreciate that Mr. Merin shared his investigation, but there is nothing new here and certainly no new eyewitnesses. Our investigators have interviewed more than 50 people, only three of whom saw at least some of the shooting. Mr. Merin did not identify any new eyewitnesses."

The Lodi Police Department is preparing to release more information soon about the January 25 incident that resulted in Shergill's death. A multi-agency team is conducting an investigation to determine if the two Lodi Police officers involved in the shooting acted properly.

Tuesday's Lodi News-Sentinel incorrectly reported that the officers are still on paid administrative leave. Both officers returned to regular duty approximately a week after the incident.

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Persons with information on this or any criminal case or activity are encouraged to call Lodi Area Crimestoppers at 209-333-6771. You may remain anonymous and be eligible for a cash reward.