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**AG BALDERAS TO REVIEW FATAL SHOOTING BY CHAVES  
COUNTY DEPUTIES**

*ALBUQUERQUE* — New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas and Fifth Judicial District Attorney Dianna Luce announce that the AG’s office will review the shooting death of David Aguilera. DA Luce sent a letter to AG Balderas on June 15, asking him to take over the case due to a conflict in her office.

“We accept this referral and this serious matter will receive a full and timely review,” said Attorney General Balderas.

On May 27, 2022, near Lake Arthur, two Chaves County deputies responded to a subject behaving erratically. The person was identified as 34-year-old David Aguilera. Ultimately, the deputies fired their weapons and Aguilera died as a result of gunshot wounds.

“We are working with the Attorney General’s office to ensure that this case receives the full attention it deserves. Nobody is above the law and we are confident that this will be fully evaluated at the Attorney General’s office,” said DA Luce.

An investigation was conducted by the Roswell Police Department and New Mexico State Police. The Office of the Attorney General will independently review the investigation and determine if criminal charges are appropriate.

A copy of the letter is attached.

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June 15, 2022

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Re: Request for Acceptance of Conflict case

Dear Attorney General Balderas:

My office is requesting that you accept a conflict case of an officer involved shooting involving deputies from the Chaves County Sheriff's Office that resulted in the death of David Aguilera on March 27, 2022. The Roswell Police Department is the lead agency that is working the case. The contact is Detective Gino Basile.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (575) 441-1350 cell.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dianna Luce".

DIANNA LUCE  
District Attorney