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Oakland Chief of Police Richard Word Comments on Rider's Verdict

(Oakland, CA) "The jury was clearly troubled by the evidence. They have been deliberating since May 29th of this year, evaluating 26 charges against three officers. This was the longest criminal trial in Alameda County history and the jury performed a very difficult duty and came to their decision.

I stand by my decision to terminate these officers. These officers failed to comply with departmental policy and were terminated accordingly. Specifically, they refused to cooperate with an Internal Affairs investigation which is grounds for dismissal. Unless ordered to do so by some competent authority, I will not allow the officers to return to the Oakland Police Department.

I support settlement of the civil case because the Department needs to make systemic and operational changes to ensure incidents such as these never occur again."

-Chief Richard L. Word

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