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## **Superior Court Upholds Termination of Former La Mesa Police Officer Matthew Dages**

La Mesa, CA – Superior Court Judge Bacal upheld the decision of the La Mesa Personnel Appeals Board (Board) affirming the termination of former Police Officer Matthew Dages.

**“I am thankful for the patience, cooperation and courtesy exhibited by all parties during the lengthy and tedious process leading up to the Judge’s ruling,”** said City Attorney Glenn Sabine.

Officer Dages’ termination stemmed from his actions during a May 27, 2020 police contact with Mr. Amaurie Johnson near the Grossmont Trolley Station. On December 9, 2020, the Board upheld former Police Chief Walt Vasquez’s decision to terminate Dages.

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