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Camp Pendleton statement regarding the ongoing investigation in the death of Sgt. Manuel Loggins, Jr.

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. – On February 7, Camp Pendleton suffered the loss of Sgt. Manuel Loggins, Jr., a Marine stationed here as a Transportation Management Specialist. Sgt. Loggins was shot by an on-duty Orange County Sherriff's deputy in the vicinity of San Clemente High School and later pronounced dead at Mission Hospital in Mission Viejo, Calif., the same morning.

An investigation surrounding the shooting was initiated by the Orange County District Attorney's office last week and is ongoing. The information released to Marine Corps officials from the District Attorney's office is the same information released publically by Orange County officials.

“Sgt. Manny Loggins was a loved and respected Marine. We have received an unprecedented amount of emails and phone calls this past week from current and former Marines who knew and loved Sgt. Loggins,” said Colonel Nicholas Marano, Commanding Officer, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton. “A family has lost their father, husband, brother and son. An unborn child will never know her father.”

Marano added, “While I am confident they will do the right thing in the end, I am less than satisfied with the official response from the City of San Clemente and Orange County. Many of the statements made concerning Manny Loggins' character over the past few days are incorrect and deeply hurtful to an already grieving family.”

Loggins is a Joliet, Ill., native, who enlisted in the Marine Corps in October, 1998. He leaves a wife and four children, one of which has yet to be born.

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