

Letter received from Ms. Amy Conger, 11-20-2020

Re: The death of Leroy Stephenson

To the City of Riverside Human Relations Commission:

We are writing you hoping that you may be able to help us obtain a copy of the investigation made by the Riverside Police Department and the California Highway Patrol, and approved by the District Attorney, on the death of Leroy R. Stephenson.

Leroy was a friend, a fellow member of the First Congregational Church of Riverside and a member of the Mission Board which is the FCCs's social justice group. Leroy was a 48-year old black man who was tasered to death by the CHP on January 25, 2019, almost 2 years ago. This occurred on the Adams Street Exit of the 91 so it occurred in the jurisdiction of the Riverside Police.

At this point in time the Coroner's Office would not share their report but did mention that it was classified as a "homicide".

We have requested this report several times and have been turned down by the Riverside Police, the CHP and the D.A.'s office. I have spoken to both Chief Diaz and Chief Gonzalez at two City Commission meetings.

Consequently, we do not know but are requesting your assistance in finding out:

- the names of the officers involved
- if they are being held responsible
- if they consider this a justifiable homicide or use of force
- if there were any witnesses and what they might have said or seen
- if there were any photographs taken of the event
- how it is believed that this homicide occurred
- if there was a defibrillator aboard the vehicle with the taser gun
- why they think we do not have a right to know.

Thank you for any help you can provide. We believe the public has a right to know as do we his friends and community members that cared about him.

In the public interest,

Amy Conger