



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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DATE: 05/10/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT WITH JUSTIN BLAINE MARQUEZ, THOMAS ERIK MARQUEZ, OLD AMERICAN COUNTY MUTUAL AND EG INSURANCE HOLDCO II, LLC, AND SPRINTERS INSURANCE FOR SETTLEMENT OF A PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIM MADE BY TARRANT COUNTY**

**\*\*\* CONSENT AGENDA \*\*\***

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve a Settlement, Release and Indemnity Agreement for settlement of the property damage claim of Tarrant County against Justin Marquez, Thomas Erik Marquez, Old American Mutual and EG Insurance Holdco II, LLC and Sprinters Insurance in connection with an automobile accident that occurred on April 26, 2019.

**BACKGROUND**

On April 26, 2019, Justin Marquez, while intoxicated, was driving a 1996 Ford F250 pick-up registered in the name of Thomas Erik Marquez, and struck a County Sheriff vehicle stopped on the side of the road. Mr. Marquez was charged with a DWI and found to be at fault in the accident. The accident directly and proximately caused damage to Tarrant County's vehicle in the approximate amount of \$40,000.00.

On December 23, 2021, Tarrant County filed suit to recover its loss against Justin Blaine Marquez and Thomas Erik Marquez in a suit entitled Tarrant County, Texas v. Marquez, et al., Cause No. 067-331084-21. The County and Marquez's insurer, Sprinters Insurance, have agreed to settle the property damage claims in the amount of \$25,000.00, which is the policy limit.

With approval of this agreement, Tarrant County will receive funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 to settle its property damage claims. The lawsuit will be dismissed.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is a positive fiscal impact to Tarrant County in the amount of \$25,000.00.

SUBMITTED BY:	Criminal District Attorney	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Polly Maxwell
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