

## [Santa Ana Police Facing Wrongful Death Lawsuit](#)

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The family of Andres Ramirez, who was shot and killed by Santa Ana police in December, has filed a \$20 million wrongful death lawsuit claiming that Ramirez was shot in the back of the head by police, who then fabricated a story about the victim brandishing a knife.

Ramirez, 21, was visiting relatives in Santa Ana from North Carolina. According to a Santa Ana police spokesman, officers were called to a Poplar Street neighborhood to investigate a report of gang members loitering in an alley. One of the officers encountered Ramirez, who allegedly pulled out a knife. What happened after that, the spokesman said, is still under investigation.

In the lawsuit, the family alleges that Ramirez was cooperating with police and did not have a knife. They say he was standing with his arms up when an officer came up behind him and shot him in the back of the head. A California death certificated shows that Ramirez died from a gunshot wound to the back of the head.

Ramirez was engaged with two children at the time of his death. The family is seeking \$20 million to compensate the children for the loss of their father, as well as for pain and suffering, the value of his life, and funeral expenses.

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