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Board of Supervisors
Kern County Administrative Center
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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UNUSUAL TRAVEL REQUEST FOR SENIOR DEPUTIES ISAAC AZUA AND BRENT NELSON TO ATTEND THE ICI HOMICIDE COURSE IN MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA (Fiscal Impact: \$7,554; Budgeted; Discretionary)

Senior Deputies Isaac Azua and Brent Nelson are scheduled to attend the ICI Homicide Course in Monterey, California from December 6, 2026, through December 18, 2026. This training is designed to provide essential, advanced training to enhance their investigative skills, ensuring thorough and effective case resolutions. This course is not held locally.

Senior Deputies Isaac Azua and Brent Nelson's attendance at this course requires their absence for more than seven working days and will not exceed \$4,500 in expenses per person. The breakdown of the cost for Azua to attend this course is as follows: lodging \$2,581 and meals \$1,196 with an overall total of \$3,777. The breakdown of the cost for Nelson to attend this course is as follows lodging \$2,581 and meals \$1,196 with an overall total of \$3,777. The estimated total for the training is \$7,554.

The County Administrative Procedure Manual states that training which requires an employee to be absent for more than seven working days or exceeds \$4,500 in expenses must be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Therefore, IT IS RECOMMENDED that your Board approve the Unusual Travel Request for Senior Deputies Isaac Azua and Brent Nelson to attend the ICI Homicide Course in Monterey, California from December 6, 2026, through December 18, 2026, at a cost not to exceed \$7,554.

Sincerely,

DONNY YOUNGBLOOD, Sheriff-Coroner

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Erik Levig", is written over the typed name of the Chief Deputy.

By: Erik Levig, Chief Deputy
Compliance Bureau

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