



# GASTÉLUM LAW

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**VIA In-Person Delivery**

City of Inglewood  
City Clerk's Office  
Attn: Government Claims Program  
1 Manchester Boulevard  
Inglewood, CA 90301

**ATTENTION: CLAIMS**

**RE: GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIM FOR DAMAGES – SECTION 910, *et seq.***

**Our Clients:** Estate of Bryan Bostic, by and through successors in interest, Laurie Denise Wells and K.B., a minor; Laurie Denise Wells, natural mother of decedent Bryan Bostic, as successor in interest and as an individual; K.B., a minor, natural daughter of decedent Bryan Bostic, as successor in interest and as an individual

**Date of Incident:** March 10, 2026

**Place of Incident:** Intersection of Hillcrest Boulevard & Nutwood Avenue, 400 Block of East Hillcrest, Inglewood, CA

To Whom it May Concern,

Pursuant to Section 910 of the California Government Code, this claim constitutes our client's formal Government Tort Claim and request that all notices regarding this matter be sent to our office.

**I. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CLAIMANT:**

Estate of Bryan Bostic, by and through successors in interest, Laurie Denise Wells and K.B., a minor

**c/o**

Denisse O. Gastélum, Esq.  
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## **II. ADDRESS CLAIMANTS DESIRE NOTICES TO BE SENT:**

Send all Notices to Claimants to:

Estate of Bryan Bostic, by and through successors in interest, Laurie Denise Wells and K.B., a minor

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## **III. DATE, PLACE, & OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH GAVE RISE TO THE CLAIM:**

**A. Date:** March 10, 2026

**B. Place of Incident:** Intersection of Hillcrest Boulevard & Nutwood Avenue, 400 Block of East Hillcrest, Inglewood, CA

**C. Other Circumstances:** This is an in-custody/excessive force death case.

## **IV. GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INJURY, DAMAGE OR LOSS INCURRED SO FAR AS IT MAY BE KNOWN AT THE TIME OF PRESENTATION OF THE CLAIM:**

On March 10, 2026, at approximately 9:30 p.m., City of Inglewood Police Department (“IPD”) officers initiated a routine traffic stop involving BRYAN BOSTIC at or near the Intersection of Hillcrest Boulevard & Nutwood Avenue, 400 Block of East Hillcrest, Inglewood, California. IPD officers instructed BRYAN BOSTIC to exit his vehicle. Knowing and appreciating his rights, BRYAN BOSTIC questioned the IPD officers’ actions in unlawfully stopping his vehicle. When BRYAN BOSTIC did not immediately comply with the officers’ instructions, he was subsequently placed under arrest.

Upon information and belief, during the traffic stop, IPD officers used unlawful, unreasonable and excessive force upon the person of BRYAN BOSTIC causing him to suffer a medical emergency. Despite the obvious fact that BRYAN BOSTIC was experiencing a medical emergency, the IPD officers failed to summon immediate medical care. Further, instead of transporting BRYAN BOSTIC to a nearby emergency room, the IPD officer transported BRYAN BOSTIC to the Inglewood Police Department. Upon information and belief, BRYAN BOSTIC arrived deceased at the Inglewood Police Department. BRYAN BOSTIC died as a result of the injuries he sustained during the encounter with IPD officers. At no point during this

encounter was BRYAN BOSTIC suspected of a violent offense, armed, or an imminent threat of death or serious bodily injury to any officer or other person.

The IPD officers' use of force against BRYAN BOSTIC was unreasonable, excessive, and not necessary to defend human life. The IPD officers' failure to summon immediate medical care to BRYAN BOSTIC was inhumane and was deliberate indifferent to his constitutional rights. Consequently, BRYAN BOSTIC died as a result of the IPD officers' actions and inactions.

#### **A. STATE THEORIES OF LIABILITY:**

1. Negligence;
2. Assault & Battery;
3. False Arrest/False Imprisonment;
4. Negligent & Intentional Infliction of Emotional Distress;
5. Violations of Civil Code Section 57.1 (Ralph Act);
6. Violations of Civil Code 52.1 (Tom Bane Act); and
7. All other causes of action for Government Entity and Government Entity employee liability in California under the California Government Code, including under Government Code Sections 815.2 and 820, all other statutes, common law and case law in the broadest sense possible.

#### **B. FEDERAL THEORIES OF LIABILITY (Albeit not Necessary)<sup>1</sup>:**

1. Unreasonable Detention and/or Seizure in Violation of the Fourth Amendment;
2. Unreasonable and Excessive Deadly Use of Force in Violation of the Fourth Amendment;
3. Failure to Provide Medical Care in Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment;
4. Failing to Intervene in Violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments (42 USC Section 1983);
5. Deprivation of the Right to Familial Relationship with Decedent in Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment;
6. Municipal Liability Based on Unconstitutional Custom & Practice;
7. Municipal Liability Based on Failure to Train; and
8. Municipal Liability Based on Ratification.

#### **V. NAME OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR EMPLOYEES CAUSING THE INJURY, DAMAGE, OR LOSS:**

Inglewood Police Department, along with other officers and supervisors of the Inglewood Police Department whose identities are currently unknown.

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<sup>1</sup>The California Government Claims Act does not mandate a claimant to claim federal theories of liability. See Government Code Section 910.

## VI. AMOUNT CLAIMED:

Claimants Estate of Bryan Bostic, by and through successors in interest, Laurie Denise Wells and K.B., a minor will pursue the following damages and relief:

1. Wrongful death of BRYAN BOSTIC, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 377.60 et seq.;
2. Loss of support and familial relationships, including loss of love, companionship, comfort, affection, society, services, solace, and moral support, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 377.60 et seq.;
3. BRYAN BOSTIC's coroner's fees, funeral and burial expenses, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 377.20 et seq.;
4. Violation of BRYAN BOSTIC's constitutional rights, pursuant to Cal. Code of Civ. Proc. § 377.20 et seq. and federal civil rights law;
5. BRYAN BOSTIC's loss of life, pursuant to federal civil rights law;
6. BRYAN BOSTIC's conscious pain, suffering, and disfigurement, pursuant to state law and federal civil rights law;
7. General Damages, including wrongful death and survival damages, in excess of the mandatory amount for jurisdiction in the Unlimited Superior Court;
8. Non-Economic Damages, including wrongful death and survival damages, according to proof plus all further and proper relief;
9. Punitive damages as to the individual defendants;
10. Attorney's fees pursuant to State Law (Cal. Code Civ. Proc. § 1021.5 & private attorney general doctrine);
11. A multiplier of damages, including treble damages, under the Tom Bane Act and Ralph Act;
12. Penalties under the Tom Bane Act and Ralph Act;
13. Interest; and
14. All other damages, penalties, costs, interest, and attorneys' fees as allowed by 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983 and 1988; California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 377.20 et seq., 377.60 et seq., and 1021.5; California Civil Code §§ 52 et seq., 52.1; and as otherwise may be allowed by California and/or federal law.

Very truly yours,

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