Los Angeles Police Chief William Bratton is scheduled to report to police commissioners Tuesday about the Stanley Miller case, even as city officials deal with a new controversy over the fatal shooting of a 13-year-old suspected car thief over the weekend.

The shooting occurred just days after prosecutors announced they would not file charges against an LAPD officer who repeatedly struck Miller with a flashlight after a televised car and foot chase, prompting an outcry among some Black leaders.

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The shooting sparked outrage among some community groups, and a prayer vigil and community meeting about Brown's death was called for Tuesday night, according to NBC4.

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The meeting included harsh words from angry members of the community.

"With what's going on in this community, we may need a wholesale change in the police department -- from the chief to the commission, everybody," said Danny Bakewell of Brotherhood Crusade.

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Commissioner Rick Caruso issued an apology during Tuesday's meeting.

"It is almost inconceivable to lose a child under these circumstances," Caruso said. "To the African-American community and to all of Los Angeles, I apologize. We need to do the right thing."

Mayor James Hahn said he is urging policy changes regarding the practice of firing on a moving vehicle.

Chief William Bratton said a policy could be changed immediately, but training the department's officers would take months.

On the night of the shooting, 20 shots were fired LAPD's 77th Division Headquarters. The shooting, which remains under investigation, triggered a tactical alert less than four hours before Brown was shot.

Investigators said the shootings are not related.

Brown's family members said they were too distraught to attend Tuesday's vigil. Neighborhood residents also collected donations Tuesday to fund funeral expenses.

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