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September 30, 2019

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RE: SLED Case Number 34-18-0025  
Embezzlement

Dear Special Agent Slizewski:

I am writing to follow-up on your investigation and our discussions regarding possible embezzlement at the Union County Sheriff's department. I appreciate your diligence in this matter and your willingness to continue investigating matters upon our request. According to my records, your last update was in July of this year.

After reviewing your file and considering our many hours of discussion and debate, I do not recommend that your agency seek criminal charges against Sheriff Taylor, and I appreciate your agreement with this assessment. Likewise, my office will not seek direct indictments against him, nor would we prosecute him on these facts alone. Certainly, your investigation revealed several flaws in the management of the Union County Sheriff's Office. On the other hand, your investigation completely cleared Sheriff Taylor of obtaining any personal financial benefit from this mismanagement. We base our opinion, in part, on the evidence obtained in SLED's death investigation of Kimberly Riddle Bailey (your file 34-18-0058). In my estimation, the State could not prove *beyond a reasonable doubt* that Sheriff Taylor committed a crime prosecutable in General Sessions court.

As far as my office is concerned, you may share your report (and my letter) with those who requested the investigation-- subject to any exemptions you may exercise under the Freedom of Information Act.

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If you obtain additional information that you would like me to review, please let me know. Once again, thank you for your thorough investigation and especially your willingness to pursue the various items we requested.

Sincerely,



Scarlett A. Wilson  
Ninth Circuit Solicitor

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