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***Re: Violations of Civil Rights, Prosecutorial Misconduct and Public Corruption
by Mendocino County District Attorney's Office***

Dear Mr. Mershon:

I write to you on behalf of my client, Mary Geddry. Ms. Geddry has suffered a violation of equal protection guaranteed under the United States Constitution. As you can see from the information enclosed, the District Attorney of Mendocino County, Mr. Norman Vroman, and Deputy District Attorney Mark Kalina may have engaged in abuse of authority and other misconduct under color of law.

In particular, it appears that Deputy District Attorney Mark Kalina may have been involved in planning and executing a crime that constitutes cruelty to animals (a felony) and firing a weapon from a public roadway (a misdemeanor). Deputy District Attorney Kalina then interfered with the investigation of the crime, dissuaded law enforcement from conducting a full investigation, protected the perpetrators and co-conspirators, and prevailed upon the District Attorney, Norm Vroman, to make sure the crime was never charged. District Attorney Vroman went so far as to have an enterprising and honest lieutenant with Mendocino County Animal Control (Lieutenant Robert Arbayo) brought up on insubordination charges and forced to resign because Mr. Arbayo insisted on investigating the crime.

While the nature of the wrong that is that the subject matter of this letter is extremely important to my client (her dog was killed in her front yard by a neighbor with a shotgun), I understand that it may appear minor given your agency's responsibilities. However, it is the principal of collusion between Deputy District Attorney Kalina and law enforcement that warrants investigation. Hiding behind the veil of prosecutorial discretion, District Attorney Vroman has also protected friends or contributors from the law.

If the District Attorney's office is capable of such illegal conduct and fails to enforce the law against some individuals, positive misconduct may also be discovered in an

investigation. In particular, one must ask whether disfavored individuals are routinely charged with trumped-up offenses or greater offenses than those warranted.

This matter is extremely similar to a Laredo, Texas public corruption case brought with the help of the FBI in 2000. It is also similar to corruption uncovered by the FBI in Starr County, Texas in 1998.

My client, Ms. Geddry, hopes that you will review the enclosed materials and contact me if you require further assistance.

Very truly yours,

Andrew S. Mansfield

cc: Ms. Mary Geddry
Assemblymember Virginia Strom-Martin
Mr. Norm Vroman, Esq. and Frank Zotter Jr., Esq.
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors
Ukiah Daily Journal, Santa Rosa Press Democrat, Fort-Bragg Advocate News /
Mendocino Beacon, Anderson Valley Advertiser
Greg Petersen, Esq.
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