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SANDRA HUTCHENS, Sheriff-Coroner  
County of Orange  
550 N. Flower St.  
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DONALD BARNES, Sheriff Elect  
County of Orange  
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RE: OC Jail Special Handling Completion of Analysis

Dear Sheriff Hutchens and Sheriff-Elect Barnes:

The Orange County District Attorney's Office has completed an analysis on whether the following Orange County Sheriff's Department (OCSD) personnel: Z [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] C [REDACTED] J [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] A [REDACTED] M [REDACTED] R [REDACTED] I [REDACTED] and R [REDACTED] – exhibited dishonesty and/or purposeful concealment of the Special Handling blog (SH blog) in their replies (or non-replies) to the OCSD management requests for records related to Jail Classification and Special Handling. These requests were made in February and March of 2016 and directed to all current and former Classification and SH deputies. They were to provide any personal notes or records in their possession to OCSD management.

After a careful review of the recommendations made by OCDA staff, and as the District Attorney of Orange County, I have decided NOT to open a Brady investigative file on any of the above named OCSD personnel.

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My decision is unaffected by the Attorney General's investigation and decision not to pursue criminal actions against OCSD or OCDA personnel related to the Dekraai proceedings. This conclusion deals with a Brady determination of each officer. I understand the importance of this decision and its impact on the criminal justice system, the rule of law, future cases, and the lives of the individuals involved. With these things in view, I am writing to inform you of my conclusion on this matter.

Thank you for your leadership of the OCSD and for the many contributions your personnel make in keeping Orange County a safer and more secure place to reside.

Sincerely,



Tony Rackauckas  
District Attorney

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