

XAVIER BECERRA
Attorney General

State of California
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE



1300 I Street
P.O. Box 944266
Sacramento, CA 94244-2550
Telephone: (916) 210-6071
Fax: (916) 327-7154
E-Mail Address: philip.ferrari@doj.ca.gov

July 6, 2020

The Honorable Krishna A. Abrams
District Attorney
County of Solano
Office of the District Attorney
675 Texas Street, Suite 4500
Fairfield, CA 94533-6340

Dear District Attorney Abrams:

On July 2, 2020, your office delivered to our office what appeared to be the contents of the Willie McCoy officer involved shooting investigation performed by the Vallejo Police Department. We did not receive any notice that we would be receiving these materials, and we have previously informed your office (on March, 4, June 5 and June 12, 2020) that we would not assume control of this investigation which has been presented to your office for review.

We did not review the contents of the file, and on July 3, a Special Agent with our Division of Law Enforcement (DLE) attempted to return the file to your office. On July 3rd, when the agent arrived, he discovered that your office was closed in observance of the 4th of July holiday. On Monday, July 6, another DOJ DLE Special Agent attempted to return the file to your office. On this occasion, the Special Agent was met by Solano County Chief Deputy Paul Sequeira, who claimed that your office has "recused" itself from the investigation, and who refused to accept delivery of the file.

As we have previously explained, there is no legal basis for your office to recuse itself from the McCoy investigation. Absent a conflict of interest, the elected District Attorney is the appropriate authority to receive and review an investigation conducted by law enforcement in her jurisdiction to determine whether criminal charges are warranted. Because we assume that the file you sent to our office contains very sensitive personnel and investigative information, we needed to be sure to provide for its secure keeping. Accordingly, we delivered the file to the agency that we understand presented it to you, the Vallejo Police Department. I have copied Chief Shawny Williams on this letter.

The Honorable Krishna A. Abrams
July 6, 2020
Page 2

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Ferrari', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Philip Ferrari
Special Assistant to the Attorney General

For XAVIER BECERRA
Attorney General

cc: Chief Shawny Williams, Vallejo Police Department