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Sheriff Jim McDonnell
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
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Re: Release of Confidential Information

Dear Sheriff McDonnell:

We are deeply concerned about the possible release of confidential information to the media by the Sheriff's Department. Many employees have reported that Los Angeles Times reporters have reached out to them at their residence or called them on their unlisted personal cell phones asking questions about their placement on the Sheriff's Department's Brady list. We are concerned about who, and how, the reporters obtained personal and confidential information about department employees. The department has a history of releasing personnel records to the media and this new incident is very disconcerting to PPOA and our members (and all department employees).

Equally disturbing is the internal statement released by the Sheriff's Department on November 21, 2017 regarding this issue. The statement states the obvious facts regarding the reporters obtaining personnel information, but proclaims that the department "*is NOT sharing personnel information protected by PC 832.7.*" This comment appears to be a proclamation of innocence rather than a factual statement as a result of a thorough investigation. An internal investigation seems to be more appropriate than putting out a public relations statement to deflect responsibility.

The Professional Peace Officers Association is formally requesting an investigation into the release of department employees' personal and confidential information to the media, including but not limited to the Los Angeles Times reporters Maya Lau and Corina Knoll and assistant data editor Robert Poston. This investigation should include any communication between department employees and the media, in particular, those who have access to personnel records or the department's Brady List. It should also include non-sworn members of your management team responsible for communication with the media as well as your Constitutional Policing Advisors.

This potential leak of information should be of grave concern to you just as it is to us. We hope you will take this issue seriously and generate an unbiased



and ethical investigation into this matter and advise your executive team to not interfere with such investigation. If you have any questions, please contact me at 323-261-3010.

Respectfully,



Brian Moriguchi
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