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Tim Cocanougher
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RE: Louisville Metro Police Department Public Integrity Unit Investigation No. 20-019

Dear Mr. Cocanougher:

On behalf of the Jefferson County Office of Commonwealth's Attorney, and in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 15, I am making a request for a special prosecutor to assume jurisdiction in the above referenced matter and investigation.

Our office is currently prosecuting the case of Commonwealth v. Kenneth Walker, Jefferson Circuit Court Case No. 20-CR-0767. Mr. Walker's case stems from the execution of a Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) narcotics' search warrant at an apartment in Jefferson County. During the execution of the search warrant, shots were exchanged between Mr. Walker and the narcotics officers resulting in serious injury to one of the officers and the death of Breonna Taylor who was living in the apartment at the time.

The LMPD Public Integrity Unit investigation of the officers' conduct during the execution of the above referenced search warrant in Mr. Walker's case is almost ready to be reviewed for criminal conduct by the officers. Because our office is prosecuting Mr. Walker's case, Mr. Wine believes that our office is conflicted from reviewing the LMPD Public Integrity Unit investigation. We are requesting that the matter be assigned to a special prosecutor to review the investigation for future action.

If you have any questions about this matter, please give me a call at 502-595-2300, and I will be glad to answer them. As always, I thank you for your cooperation in these matters.

Sincerely,

Erwin Roberts
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cc: Thomas B. Wine