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The Honorable Michael C. O'Malley (*via email <u>vcostanzo@prosecutor.cuyahogacounty.us</u>*) Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office 1200 Ontario Street, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Re: In re - Cuyahoga County Request for Assistance

Dear Prosecutor O'Malley:

Your request for the Special Prosecutions Section to handle the above captioned matters is accepted.

Assistant Attorneys General Micah Ault and Denise Salerno will be the Special Prosecutor assigned from our office. Could you please file a motion with the court to appoint Ohio Attorney General and any of his assistants as Special Prosecutor on this case? The Assistant Attorneys General acting as special prosecutor will serve without compensation by Cuyahoga County. Absent preapproved and extraordinary circumstances the Ohio Attorney General's Office cannot pay for basic criminal justice expenses, including but not limited to: juror fees, witness fees, witness mileage, witnesses travel expenses, court costs including but not limited to staff costs, transcript fees, jail costs, subpoena fees, costs of indigent defense, etc. These costs remain the responsibility of the County as they would be in any other case. Furthermore, your office would be responsible for reimbursing the Ohio Attorney General's Office for the cost of any potential lodging expenses associated with the prosecution of this case. Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions.

I thank you for the opportunity to assist you and the citizens of Cuyahoga County. If we can be of any help in any other cases please feel free to contact us.

Truly Yours,

Dave Yost Ohio Attorney General

<u>/s/ Christopher L. Kinsler</u> Christopher L. Kinsler Assistant Section Chief

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