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Donald J. Zelenka  
Deputy Attorney General  
P.O. Box 11549  
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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

RE: CPD Case No. 220010228

Dear Mr. Zelenka:

The City of Columbia Police Department is currently investigating an alleged sexual assault involving [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Our office has been contacted by Investigator D. Ortiz seeking a legal opinion regarding whether or not probable cause exists to charge in this matter.

The Fifth Circuit Solicitor's Office has a conflict with reviewing, opining, and/or potentially prosecuting this case as [REDACTED] is a former employee. Further, several current members of our staff have maintained a personal relationship with [REDACTED] such that it would be in the interest of justice for another prosecuting agency to review and/or prosecute this potential case.

Please accept this letter as an official request for your office, or another Solicitor's Office if you deem it appropriate, to handle this matter going forward.

As always, I appreciate your assistance. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Dan Goldberg  
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CC: Investigator D. Ortiz, Columbia Police Department