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To: Attorney General Bill Lockyer  
Re: Request to Assume Investigation

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Re: Request to Assume Investigation

Dear Mr. Lockyer:

This office represents the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS). In that capacity, I am currently involved in the representation of Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff James Mee. You may recall that Deputy Mee arrested Mel Gibson in July of this year in Malibu. At the time of Mr. Gibson's arrest, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department claimed that the arrest was effectuated "*without incident.*" Thereafter, there were media reports detailing the conduct of Mr. Gibson which thoroughly contradicted the Sheriff's Department's assertion of an arrest "*without incident.*" Los Angeles County Sheriff Leroy Baca was implicated in the manipulation of the release of certain information and the suppression of reports.

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department was roundly criticized for its apparent prevarication to members of the media. The controversy continues to this date. In response to the media reports, the Sheriff's Department has undertaken an investigation into the actions of Deputy Mee and others to determine who was responsible for the press reports. It is my belief that the Sheriff's Department has an inherent conflict of interest in pursuing this investigation. I have enclosed a copy of my October 17, 2006 letter to Undersheriff Waldie, for your convenience, which will provide you with more details.

Pursuant to Article V, Section 13 of the California Constitution, I am requesting that your office take over the investigation into this matter to ensure that the investigation is conducted lawfully and objectively.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

GREEN & SHINEE, A.P.C.

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Enclosure

cc: Los Angeles County Undersheriff Larry Waldie  
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