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Office of the Attorney General Statement on Special Prosecutor in the Boyd Case

Albuquerque, NM - The following statement is attributable to James Hallinan, Communications Director for the Office of the Attorney General:

"Attorney General Balderas advised that selection of a special prosecutor was most appropriate, given his ongoing review in the APD Brandenburg referral, in addition to other staff conflicts. The Attorney General is pleased that an independent special prosecutor has been assigned to this important matter and that the public can be assured that it is being handled without the appearance of any conflicts."

Attached is the letter Attorney General Balderas sent to District Attorney Brandenburg.

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April 14, 2015

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RE: State of New Mexico v. Keith Sandy; and State of New Mexico v. Dominique Perez

Dear District Attorney Brandenburg:

I have received your referral on the Keith Sandy and Dominique Perez matters. I appreciate your willingness to approach the Office of the Attorney General with the matter prior to proceeding with final selection of a special prosecutor. Specific to these matters, our office shares some of the same conflicts that caused Judge Hadfield to disqualify your office. Therefore, we are not in a position to accept the referral of these two matters. As you have indicated that time is of the essence, we hope our timely response allows you to proceed with the appointment of a special prosecutor with an eye toward transparency.

Your letter details how the review of officer involved shootings and use of force issues in Bernalillo County has placed a strain on your office's resources. The Office of the Attorney General takes excessive use of force very seriously and we are interested in engaging in a dialogue regarding this issue at some point in the future. We will reach out at an appropriate time to begin that dialogue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "HB", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Hector Balderas
Attorney General