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The Honorable Attorney General Xavier Becerra
Department of Justice
State of California
1300 I Street
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Dear Attorney General Becerra,

This letter is to inquire into the status of your office's investigation of the Orange County District Attorney's Office (OCDA). In 2015, then Attorney General Kamala Harris announced that she had launched a criminal probe into the use of jailhouse informants by the OCDA. Since that announcement, OCDA has had no communication from your office regarding the investigation, nor have we received any demand for documents or interviews relating to the informant issue.

On April 19, 2019, Deputy Attorney General Darren Shaffer announced to Orange County Superior Court Judge James Rogan that the Attorney General's perjury investigation of three Orange County Deputy Sheriffs associated with the jailhouse informant controversy had ended. I am writing you to obtain a clarification of the status of your office's investigation of OCDA. In light of the significant passage of time and the lack of any communication since the 2015 announcement, it is my responsibility as the recently elected District Attorney of Orange County to move forward with my own investigation and hold OCDA employees accountable if necessary.

Sincerely,


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