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Re: Second Criminal Referral

Dear Sirs:

I am a retired Los Angeles County Sheriff's Detective. Following my retirement, I became a Certified Legal Investigator. I am one of only two Certified Legal Investigators in Orange County, California. My firm is Gerald R. Thompson & Associates.

I relate my background to emphasize that I am a former Sheriff's Detective with a detective's training, experience, and instincts. I have had the occasion to make thousands of arrests based on my knowledge of the Penal Code and am readily familiar with the requirements of Probable Cause Arrests.

On or about June 25, 2002, I wrote a letter to your respective offices advising you of a Sexual Predator in Tulare, identified by name, by numerous victims as Baldemar "Blondie" Sanchez. At the time, there was a concurrent case involving Kevin Black that I was investigating. You ignored that letter; seemingly because you felt investigating Sanchez may hinder your prosecution of Black. After arduous investigation I discovered numerous additional victims of Sanchez. I was finally afforded the opportunity to meet with Detective Espinoza and pass on my information. I passed all of my investigative findings on to her and was ensured she would now undertake an investigation. At the time of my meeting with her, I expressed my concern for a nine year old girl named Jamie.

This warning went unheeded for several weeks. Finally, I called her and advised her I had evidence that Sanchez was still seeing Jamie. I now have discovered the worst case scenario happened. After my letters to your offices, Jamie in fact was being victimized by Sanchez. Your offices failure to timely investigate and properly pursue a prosecution is a direct causation of this little girl being victimized.

As the case unfolded, I became aware of evidence that Detective Gale Watson had a long standing friendship with Sanchez. I'll remind you, he was the first Police Officer that I attempted to address this issue with. He refused to meet with me and shortly thereafter one of the victims was confronted by Sanchez.

In the recent trial of Black, Watson made numerous perjurious material statements. One of which was that he did not know of the Sanchez investigation or the 1994 allegations against him. He recanted on this by stating he had possession of the 1994 report but "never read it." He further testified that he has known Sanchez since 1975 because they both belonged to AMVETS. He even knew him by his nickname, "Blondie." Later that day, Sanchez appeared in court and took the fifth in front of Watson. The next day Watson took the stand, still under oath and stated the Sanchez in court was not the same Sanchez he'd known for 32 years. He remarkably represented there was another Baldemar Sanchez in AMVETS that goes by "Blondie" and the person in court was not him.

I have followed up on Watson's testimony to determine his veracity. I have now discovered he unequivocally lied. I have contacted AMVETS and have been advised by at least three witnesses that Baldemar "Blondie" Sanchez is the only member of AMVETS Post 56. There are no other Baldemar "Blondie" Sanchez's in either Post 65 or 56. I confirmed this information with his SSN and home address. Further, I have witnesses that have advised me that Watson holds the title of Commander of Post 65 and has been seen with Sanchez at numerous meetings throughout the years. They have socialized and been seen drinking together on numerous occasions. Further investigation reveals Sanchez's daughter lives three houses away from Watson on Helene Street. His son-in-law and her husband appeared in court the day Watson testified. His name is Larry Hennessey.

Further, accompanying my earlier letter to your offices, I provided numerous examples of his perjurious testimony in the preliminary hearing. These of course, like all the other information passed were ignored. In the Black trial, Watson admitted to testifying falsely in the Preliminary Hearing. I don't expect you will take my word for this, so I implore you to review the transcripts yourselves.

On November 20, 2002, Sanchez attempted to contact a witness in the case against him. I was finally fed up with the failure of the Police to do their duty and called for the assistance of Tulare Police to receive my Private Person's arrest of Sanchez. Pursuant to Penal Code 837. Sgt. Cortez and a junior officer responded. I advised them of my arrest of Sanchez and the basis therefore. I also showed them numerous investigative reports showing the clear probable cause for the arrest. They refused to receive my arrest in violation of Penal Code Section 142. I tape recorded this entire event and their refusal to receive my lawful arrest, a crime under California Law. The officers showed their ignorance of the law by asking me if I was familiar with Warrant less arrests. I referred him to the Penal Code for clarification and advised him as a private person who had Probable Cause that a felony has been committed may make the arrest at any time of day or night. I further advised him that I had seen Sanchez in his home and that I could affect the arrest even if forced entry was required. They not only refused to receive the arrest but threatened me if I tried to affect it.

The following day, I appeared at the Tulare Police Department and asked that they take a Criminal Complaint regarding their officer's violation of Penal Code Section 142. Lt. Gowin and Lt. Blickenstaff (sp) refused to take the report.

I have more than sufficient cause to believe Sanchez is being protected from arrest for ulterior motives. These likely include the Black case, cover up Tulare Police ineptness or to conspire to protect Watson for his cover-up for his buddy.

In any event, it is clear that the Police have been advised of Sanchez being a Child Molester on three separate occasions. One in 1985, it was ignored. (Watson took call), 1994 with Tawly Richardson, ignored again in spite of incriminating statement under Miranda by Sanchez of lewd acts, again in 1996 when Tara Mullen called about her daughter and it was ignored and again in June of 2002 when I informed your respective departments.

I shutter to think of the number of victims in between these calls. The Police Department and DA's office's conduct are the topic of a Grand Jury investigation. I know because I initiated the complaint. Each and every victim's Civil Rights have been violated since this conspiracy began 25 years ago. I am imploring you to stop the "Cowboyism" and take the actions in which you were sworn to do. I am currently discussing my options with the Sheriff's Department to receive my arrest of Sanchez. I intend to place him under arrest and take him into custody next week. I will utilize the Sheriff's office so as not to be impeded. I will also have representatives from the media and my office filming the arrest.

I am also asking the DA's office to open an investigation regarding the testimony of Watson in this trial. I am also asking that a criminal complaint be filed for the conduct of Sgt. Cortez and the other officer for violating Penal Code Section 142. Further, I am asking you consider whether Watson through his friendship with Sanchez has compromised the investigation.

The verdict is in on Black so there are no more excuses. Set your egos aside and do the right thing for these victims. If it was either of your nine year old daughters that had his hand in her pants after your Police knew of his conduct, how would you feel?

Let me not be misunderstood, I will not let this go. I will take this matter to the highest level of Government to expose this conspiracy. Your respective offices and municipalities are already in deep enough for the previous violations of the numerous victim's Civil Rights. You can't unwind what has already been done but you can minimize the chances of additional victims. I'm sure you both are familiar with the RICO Act, which is applicable to this scenario. I am informing you now that I am continuing with my investigation for this purpose. I have documented and taped recorded the threat by your officer on November 20, 2002. Any unordinary Police contact with me or any potential Plaintiff's will be documented and forwarded to the Attorney General for consideration of Obstruction of Justice charges. I also intend to forward this letter along with my findings regarding Watson to the AG as well as the Grand Jury. You may also advise Detective Watson that the next time he goes to the jail to "strong-arm" a witness by threatening his family, he should consider the source. I have a statement from this person describing in detail this conduct. I also have a statement of a witness confirming this.

Tulare Police conduct makes LAPD Rampart look like kids in a playground. At least they weren't enabling a Pedophile. Consider the fallout when the facts of this case come to light. You can either dig in and defend or investigate properly. Your response to this correspondence will tell me which route you intend to take.

Again, set aside the egos and protectionism and investigate this on your own. Your findings at the conclusion will be the same as mine. I am not a liar nor am I someone who should be chastised for seeking the arrest of Sanchez. After all, didn't it turn out he is a Pedophile and my instincts were right. Your respective offices should be thankful for my investigation to do what the Police refused. I ask you, why am I so hated in light of my findings? Is there any reasonable explanation for the disdain in which I have been shown? Don't we all have the same responsibility to protect children?

Why can't the Police just stand tall and admit their mistake in overlooking the evidence? Why continue to let this man be able to victimize and intimidate victims and witnesses. Does Sanchez have something on Watson to blackmail him with?

What is going on? I have my suspicions. I guess we will see who uncovers it first.

Please feel free to have any and all representatives of your respective agencies contact me at my office, (949) 757-4144. I expect to hear from your respective offices and anticipate a meeting with a District Attorney whom is objective.

Sincerely,

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cc: **Fresno Federal Bureau of Investigation
Tulare County Grand Jury
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