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6 SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN

7 METROPOLITAN DIVISION

8 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,) MISCELLANEOUS NO.: STO-22-0008
9) Plaintiff,) STIPULATION; STANDING ORDER
10 vs.) FOR PRODUCTION OF UNREDACTED
11) CORONER'S CASE FILE
12)
12 ALL ACCUSED PERSONS OF VIOLATING)
PENAL CODE SECTIONS 187 and or 192,)
13)
14 Defendants.)

15 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between Dawn Ratliff, Coroner
16 Division Chief for the County of Kern, and Cynthia Zimmer, District Attorney for the County of Kern,
17 counsel for the PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, that:

- 18 1. The Kern County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Division will produce an unredacted copy of
19 the Coroner's Case File to the Kern County District Attorney's Office upon request
20 utilizing the attached Request Form (Exhibit A), subject to the limitations of this stipulated
21 order.
22 2. The parties agree that production of the Unredacted Coroner's Case File will apply to filed
23 felony cases with a charge of PC 187 and or PC 192.
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- 1 3. The Kern County District Attorney's Office is permitted to provide a copy of the
2 Unredacted Coroner's Case File to the attorney of record for the defense in the criminal
3 case pursuant to PC §§ 1054 et seq. and *Brady v. Maryland* (1963) 373 U.S. 83.
- 4 4. Cal. Civ. Code § 56.10(b)(8) and (c)(6) limit disclosure of medical information to third
5 parties by a medical examiner, forensic pathologist, or county coroner in the course of an
6 investigation without a court order or authorization pursuant to § 56.11.
 - 7 a. This order provides the authorization required for the Kern County Sheriff's Office
8 Coroner Division to release medical information to the Kern County District
9 Attorney's Office, pursuant to Civ. Code §§ 56.10(b)(8) and (c)(6).
- 10 5. Cal. Civ. Code § 56.11 authorizes release of medical information when specificity is
11 provided:
 - 12 a. The medical information will be disclosed by the Kern County Sheriff's Office
13 Coroner's Division. (Civ. Code, § 56.11(e) and (f).)
 - 14 b. The medical information will be received by the Kern County District Attorney's
15 Office. (Civ. Code, § 56.11(f).)
 - 16 c. The type of medical information produced will be the medical information received
17 by the Kern County Sheriff's Office Coroner's Division related to the specific case.
18 (Civ. Code, § 56.11(d) and (g).)
 - 19 d. The medical information will be used to prove the felony violation of PC 187 and or
20 PC 192 in a court of law, and or any other related charge in the case. (Civ. Code, §
21 56.11(d).)
- 22 6. The orders provided for herein shall remain in effect until either the Kern County District
23 Attorney or County Counsel for the County of Kern files with this court written notice of
24 withdrawal of approval and proof of service upon the opposing party.

1 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

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3 Dated: March 18, 2022

Coroner's Office for the County of Kern

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By: 

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Dawn Ratliff
Coroner Division Chief
Coroner's Officer for the County of Kern

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9 Dated: March 18, 2022

District Attorney for the County of Kern

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By: 

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Cynthia Zimmer
District Attorney for the County of Kern

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13 Approved as to form

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14 Dated: March 18, 2022

MARGO A. RAISON
Kern County Counsel

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By: 

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Bryan Walters, Deputy County Counsel
Attorney's for Coroner's Officer
for the County of Kern

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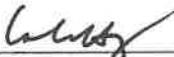
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ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Colette Humphrey

Dated: 4-5-2022



JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

EXHIBIT A



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REQUEST FOR UNREDACTED CORONER'S CASE FILE

EMAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: coroner_reports@kernsheriff.org

Coroner Case #:

Decedent's Name:

Decedent's Date of Birth:

Court Case #:

Defendant's Name:

Requesting Deputy District Attorney:

Today's Date:

3/18/2022

REQUEST WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT THE ABOVE INFORMATION.

PROCESSED BY: _____

DATE RELEASED: _____