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Statement of Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman on the Investigation of Kathleen Kane

Yesterday, a three member panel of Montgomery County Judges referred a matter relating to the conduct of Pennsylvania Attorney General Kathleen Kane to the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office for a criminal investigation. The District Attorney's Office will conduct this investigation, along with an on-going investigation into other alleged conduct of the Pennsylvania Attorney General, which was authorized after the Pennsylvania Supreme Court's March 31, 2015 ruling. These inquiries will be conducted using standards and procedures that reflect an ethical prosecutor's responsibilities as a "minister of justice." As in any case, upon completion of our independent factual investigation, we will make charging decisions based upon a fair analysis of the applicable legal standards with a focus on the Commonwealth's proper burden of proof at trial, beyond a reasonable doubt. The District Attorney's Office will have no further comment on this matter until such time as a decision has been made on the investigation.

Approved for Release:

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