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BY FIRST CLASS MAIL, AND EMAIL TO: [REDACTED] **and**
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The Honorable Steve Kunzweiler
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Dear Mr. Kunzweiler and Ms. Baker:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the City of Tulsa. Over the past three weeks, Tulsa Police Department Chief Chuck Jordan has been contacted by three separate media organizations all of whom have stated that they were called by Tulsa County Sheriff's Major Shannon Clark. Each went on to say that Shannon Clark had told them that the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) felt the media needed to investigate "the fact" that, when Chief Jordan was employed by the TCSO, he was supervisor over Robert Bates *and over Bates' training*.

All three organizations indicated they have no confidence in Shannon Clark's credibility. They put no stock in his assertions, advising that they just wanted to let Chief Jordan know what was being said. Please be advised that Chief Jordan has elected to make absolutely no statements to the media regarding the Harris shooting or the resulting myriad of issues that have arisen. Neither has the Tulsa Police Department except to issue an April 12, 2015 News Release making the clear the distinction between the Tulsa

Police Department and the Tulsa County Sheriff's Office because the national media was confusing the two agencies in their reporting on the Harris' shooting.

The TCSO special investigation report regarding special treatment for and failure to properly train reserve deputy Bob Bates is dated August 12, 2009. While with the TCSO, Chief Jordan was assigned to the Courthouse as a Sergeant until his promotion to Captain on October 15, 2009. Following his promotion, he supervised the Reserve Program and the SWAT team until being appointed Chief of the Tulsa Police department in January of 2010. At no time was he ever responsible for any training of reserve deputies, including Bob Bates, nor did the Chief sign off on or attest to any training records. Training, including field training, was supervised by a completely different chain of command at the Sheriff's Office. The only action Chief Jordan ever took regarding Bates was to try to ensure that, as a reserve, Bates' had received FTO training, and at that time, Chief Jordan was assured by then-Chief Deputy Tim Albin that Captain Huckleby had handled that training and training requirements. These behind the scenes calls to media outlets are an obvious attempt at character assassination and an attempt to deflect attention and current scrutiny away from TCSO.

Please notify your client, Sheriff Glanz, that the City of Tulsa demands that he order Shannon Clark to, and insure that Clark, as well as anyone else at the TCSO, immediately cease and desist from engaging in these reprehensible tactics attempting to shift media focus to Chief Jordan and the Tulsa Police Department. Further, I request that the District Attorney notify your client, the Board of County Commissioners, since these actions may affect further efforts to reach an accord with respect to a jail contract with the City of Tulsa. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Honorable Dewey F. Bartlett, Jr., Mayor
Chief Chuck Jordan, Tulsa Police Department
Doug Wilson, Assistant District Attorney

