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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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Jefferson Parish Sheriff Newell Normand issues the following statement in response to an article by Gordon Russell of the New Orleans Advocate yesterday (Sunday, July 31, 2016) about a possible federal investigation relating to Sheriff Normand and a company partially owned by him named CTNN Enterprises, LLC. ("CTNN").

Sheriff Normand was interviewed by IRS Agents who advised him that they were conducting an investigation of another individual (not Sheriff Normand) and they needed to obtain some information which was in his possession about CTNN. Further, he was informed by IRS agents that the focus of their investigation is tax filings by another individual (not Sheriff Normand or CTNN). Sheriff Normand cooperated fully with the agents and provided documents relating to CTNN that were in his possession to them.

Sheriff Normand has been in continuous contact with the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Orleans since his interview. He has been advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that he is not a target of an investigation. He was also advised by the U.S. Attorney's Office that it would be best if he not comment on his interview by the IRS agents. This is why Sheriff Normand declined comment when contacted by the New Orleans Advocate last week.

Sheriff Normand has fully disclosed his ownership interest in, and revenues from, CTNN every year on his state financial disclosure forms since the company was founded in 2008. In fact, original incorporating documents filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State's Office fully disclosed Sheriff Normand's ownership interest in CTNN and there was no attempt to hide same. Further, the nature of the services provided by CTNN were also stated in the financial disclosure filing and were described as "broker". Broker is defined as an individual that arranges transactions between a buyer and a seller of services for a commission when the deal is executed.

State and federal law do not prohibit a sheriff from having outside business interests which are unrelated to the sheriff's office. Every Jefferson Parish Sheriff for the last 50 years has had outside business interests. Sheriff Normand has paid all federal, state, and local taxes on the revenues from CTNN in full every year. Sheriff Normand and members of his family had been involved in the food products industry as well as the offshore oil service industry for several years prior to Sheriff Normand's election. Sheriff Normand has performed work for CTNN since the company was founded. Sheriff Normand has provided no favors for any client of CTNN and has never used his position as sheriff to obtain business for CTNN.

Sheriff Normand notes that the New Orleans Advocate article left out important information and is misleading. CTNN has had no dealings with Robert Guidry. Further, not only Sheriff Normand but others who have been interviewed by agents were told that the focus of their investigation is tax filings by another individual (not Sheriff Normand).

Sheriff Normand is providing the above clarifications to the public at this time in light of the misleading article written by Gordon Russell of the New Orleans Advocate. The sheriff continues to place his trust in his fellow law enforcement partners who have consistently characterized the nature of the investigation to be something other than that described by Gordon Russell. Sheriff Normand has no further comment at this time.