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Re: Request for Criminal Investigation & Prosecution of False
Rape Accuser, Ashley K. Harris

Mr. Cooke,

The National Coalition For Men (NCFM) is a 501(c) (3) educational nonprofit corporation established in 1977 and is the nation's oldest men's human rights organization. Our directors, advisors, liaisons, and members are men and women from a wide variety of professions across the globe, including, educators, medical professionals, attorneys and retired law enforcement officers. You can learn more about NCFM, our interests, activities, and numerous accomplishments by visiting our website, www.ncfm.org.

NCFM is committed to the removal of gender-based stereotypes, especially as they adversely impact boys, men, their families, and the women who love them, including but not limited to, issues involving the criminal justice, and family court systems.

For the past several months, we have investigated the matter of the *People of the State of California vs. Jerry Duane Cox*, Case # 13373.

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NCFM Letter to Mariposa County District Attorney Thomas K. Cooke

As you know, in November of 2015 the sheriff's department arrested Mr. Cox after a cursory investigation into sexual assault allegations by Ms. Ashley K. Harris (or herein Harris). On August 14, 2017, you signed a Request for Dismissal, then in a recent reelection campaign speech you explained that your department made serious mistakes in the case.

Harris has even perjured herself in a worker's compensation claim. Moreover, social media postings tend to show Harris as a serial false accuser, if not some sort of Grifter. It appears she preys on men, attempts to extort them, and when necessary, files false allegations of sexual assault for financial gain.

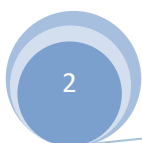
Additionally, during your agency's investigation, it was brought to your attention by defense counsel, that your agency was aware for nearly a year and a half, that Harris' claims had no basis in fact; albeit, were false. It appears, this discovery may have been in part, because the sheriff's department failed to immediately seize, analyze and protect the contents (evidence) of Ms. Harris' cellular phone in a proper manner.

Even when the sheriff's department and your office learned that evidence existed of Mr. Cox's innocence, the information was not timely given to his defense counsel in violation of legal and ethical obligations.

Therefore, we respectfully request that your office open a criminal investigation of Harris. Most of the information needed is already contained in your public record file.

Harris lied to the authorities regarding her previous relationship with Mr. Cox. She was even seen outside Mr. Cox's ranch during the time she claimed she was kidnapped, confined and unable to leave a guest cabin. Phone records refute her claims about not being able to make phone calls for help. In fact, virtually every facet of Harris' claims were quickly refuted by factual evidence. It appears your office knew of Harris's deceit and utterly false claims long before requesting a dismissal of the case against Mr. Cox.

Ms. Harris committed serious crimes thereby depriving Mr. Cox of his liberty and property for crimes that never happened. NCFM therefore asks that your office conduct a criminal investigation into Ms. Harris' false claims and related criminal behavior. A partial list of violations include; but are not limited to the following:



- California Penal Code Section 148, Obstruction a Law Enforcement Officer
- California Penal Code Section 148.3, False Report of an Emergency
- California Penal Code Section 148.5, False Report of a Felony
- California Penal Code Section 118, Perjury
- California Penal Code Section 470, Fraud & Forgery

In addition to California State criminal law violations, Harris may also be in violation of several federal criminal law statutes, to include, but are not limited to:

- Title 18 U.S. Code § 1001 – False, Fictitious, or Fraudulent Statements
- Title 18 U.S. Code Chapter 47 – Fraud and False Statements
- Title 18 U.S. Code § 1038 - False Information and Hoaxes
- Title 18 U.S. Code Chapter 73 – Obstruction of Justice
- Title 42 U.S. Code § 1983 - Civil Action for Deprivation of Rights

Additionally, while the case was pending, the County of Mariposa put Mr. Cox's ranch and property into receivership for alleged building and safety code violations, which strongly suggests collusion and wrongful acts between County of Mariposa agencies, personnel and perhaps, even elected officials. In our opinion, sufficient evidence exists for your office to conduct investigations of illegal acts committed by Harris and others that may have colluded to strip Mr. Cox of his freedom and property, personal and private.

Moreover, we request that the County of Mariposa initiate a joint inquiry with the California Attorney General to investigate Harris for violations of California False Claims Act (*qui tam*), California Government Code Section 12650 et seq. Given the dozens of government employees and outside contractors involved in Harris's questionable claims, have cost taxpayers well over \$1,000,000 (one million). Our ongoing investigation may find other violations, which we will submit to appropriate agencies for consideration.

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NCFM requests a written response by October 9, 2017 to this letter, to include all communication, documentation or records, in any form, regarding Ashley K. Harris:

- a. Involving envisioned, pending or past investigation(s).
- b. Between the County of Mariposa and the California Attorney General.
- c. Concerning the receivership of Mr. Cox's property (real and personal).
- d. Criminal charges filed against Ms. Ashley K. Harris, even if dismissed.
- e. Any other private or public agency related to these matters.

Respectfully,


President

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