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Re: June 1, 2023 Letter from OPR regarding review of conflict of interest

Dear General Counsel Macklin:

This letter is to inquire about the status of a request for a transfer of investigation due to a conflict of interest. On May 18, 2023, the Office of the Norfolk District Attorney sent to the Department of Justice Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR) a letter raising concerns as to a potential investigation by the United States Attorney Office for the District of Massachusetts involving witnesses relating to a pending state criminal matter, *Commonwealth v. Karen Read*, and the death of John O'Keefe in Canton, Massachusetts on January 29, 2022. This office has subsequently received a June 1, 2023 letter from Jeffrey R. Ragsdale, Counsel for OPR, reflecting that to the extent that the letter indicated that the pending grand jury investigation should be reassigned, the appropriate office to address that request was the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA).

This is to inquire about the status of this request and to provide contact information for any further information you may require. If you have any questions or are looking for any additional information, I may be contacted as set out above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Beland".

Lynn Beland
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