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NEWS RELEASE

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From: Patty Perlow, Lane County District Attorney

RE: Jamie Clark

A case involving Jamie Natasha Clark and former Eugene police officer Christopher Drumm was opened by the Lane County District Attorney's Office on July 7, 2020. The matter was referred by the Salem Police Department.

The case was set to be heard by the Grand Jury on July 22, 2020. Ms. Clark was served with a subpoena to appear at that time. Ms. Clark did appear and advised the prosecutor assigned to the case that she was represented by an attorney, and did not want to testify.

On August 2, 2020, Ms. Clark was indicted by the Grand Jury, and she is also represented by an attorney in that case.

On November 5, 2020. Ms. Clark notified the District Attorney's Office, by email, that she was represented by yet a third attorney, the Portland law firm of Kafourey and McDougal.

On November 9, 2020, District Attorney Patricia Perlow made contact with the above law firm, advised them that Ms. Clark refused to testify at Grand Jury, and to advise the District Attorney's Office if that situation has changed.

Later in November District Attorney Perlow had a conference call with Ms. Clark and her attorney, and subsequently provided the attorney with the investigation materials.

On December 1, 2020, the assigned prosecutor advised the law firm, by email, that any potential charges would be decided by the Grand Jury, and that Ms. Clark's testimony would be recorded, as provided by Oregon law.

In February, additional emails were exchanged between the law firm and the assigned prosecutor. To date, neither of Ms. Clark's lawyers have consented to her testifying before the Grand Jury.

As Ms. Clark is represented by lawyers, and that she has previously invoked her right not to testify, it would be unethical for the District Attorney to contact her or compel her to testify regarding this matter.