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October 1, 2013

Hon. Eric T. Schneiderman
 Office of the Attorney General
 The Capitol
 Albany, NY 12224-0341

Re: Prosecution of Putnam County Sheriff's Office cases

Dear Honorable Sir,

I write to request your crucial assistance in helping to restore and preserve the proper and lawful administration of justice within Putnam County. At present, the integrity of the criminal justice system within the County is being undermined by untoward forces

As I presume you are already aware from considerable media reporting and from information my office has provided to Assistant Attorney General Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Putnam County District Attorney Adam Levy has engaged in an ongoing course of conduct that has seriously impaired his personal credibility and the capability of his office to fairly and objectively prosecute criminal cases investigated by my office.

Mr. Levy has blatantly demonstrated a bizarre and extreme bent to take the side of criminals against innocent victims, as displayed for example in the cases of Mario Caruso and Alexandre Hossu, two rape cases in which Mr. Levy has championed the cases of the rapists—one convicted and the other awaiting trial—over the interests of their respective child victims. Assistant A.G. Perez-Maldonado has been provided with detailed information about those cases.

Mr. Levy has also improperly politicized investigations in criminal cases to politically attack me and to undermine the lawful work of my office. Among such cases that we have discussed with Ms. Perez-Maldonado are those involving Tony Hay, Alexandre Hossu, Roger Chirico and Andrew DeStefano

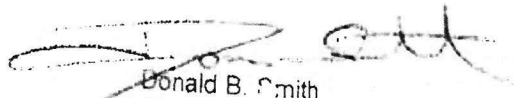
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It suffices in this limited space, I think, to state simply and unequivocally that the hard-working deputy sheriffs and criminal investigators in my office have been placed in an entirely untenable position by Mr. Levy. They fear that that in any given case they handle, the district attorney's office may be predisposed to undermine the case and to set them up for failure, embarrassment and legal exposure, if to do so would aid in Mr. Levy's efforts to discredit and malign me.

To state matters more succinctly, we have lost all confidence in the district attorney's office to do what is right, lawful and just in criminal cases because of Mr. Levy's own nefarious agenda. As a result, we need your office to step in and assume the prosecutorial function for all Putnam County Sheriff's Office cases.

I realize that my request for your office to assume the prosecution of all Sheriff's Office cases is a most unusual and perhaps even unprecedented one, but the present state of facts is so serious and so severe that I am compelled to make this request. I look forward to hearing from you to further discuss this matter. In the meanwhile, I thank you for the outstanding work that you and your office does every day to help keep New York a great place to live, work and raise a family.

Sincerely,



Donald B. Smith
Sheriff