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Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Feathers:

This letter is in response to your correspondence in which you requested records pursuant to the California Public Records Act as set forth in Government Code section 6250 et seq. Specifically, you requested:

All notices of seized assets sent to the owners of property/money seized by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department since 2010. The California Uniform Controlled Substances Act states that the district attorney or Attorney General must notify any parties that own, or have an interest in, property seized and headed for forfeiture. The law reads:

"The Attorney General or district attorney shall make service of process regarding this petition upon every individual designated in a receipt issued for the property seized. In addition, the Attorney General or district attorney shall cause a notice of the seizure, if any, and of the intended forfeiture proceeding, as well as a notice stating that any interested party may file a verified claim with the superior court of the county in which the property was seized or if the property was not seized, a notice of the initiation of forfeiture proceedings with respect to any interest in the property seized or subject to forfeiture, to be served by personal delivery or by registered mail upon any person who has an interest in the seized property or property subject to forfeiture other than persons designated in a receipt issued for the property seized."

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Initially, we note that your request was made pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. This is a federal law that is not applicable to requests for records of a state agency. Accordingly, we are responding to your request as an inquiry under the California Public Records Act which is applicable to state agency records. The Public Records Act is contained in Government Code section 6250 et seq.

We note that your public records request is directed to the Department of Justice but seeks records from other departments as well. Absent a request for representation by another agency, the Department of Justice responds on its own behalf, and not on behalf of other departments. If you wish to review records that are in the custody or control of another state or local agency, we suggest that you direct your request to that agency.

The Department conducted a diligent search but was unable to locate records responsive to your request. We recommend that you contact the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office for the records in which you are interested.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brent E. Orick" with the initials "SAs" written to the right.

for: BRENT E. ORICK, Special Agent in Charge
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For KAMALA D. HARRIS
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