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November 13, 2014

District Attorney David E. Sullivan Northwestern County District Attorney's Office One Gleason Plaza Northampton, Massachusetts 01060 Attn: Steven Gagne, First Assistant

Re: Sonja Farak investigation/Amherst lab

Dear District Attorney Sullivan:

This Office previously prosecuted Sonja Farak, a chemist who analyzed drugs out of the Amherst drug lab. Ms. Farak pleaded guilty in Hampshire Superior Court to four counts of theft of a controlled substance from an authorized dispensary, four counts of tampering with evidence, and two counts of possession of cocaine. During our investigation, this office provided documents and reports relating to the prosecution of Ms. Farak. Included in those documents were the reports by Massachusetts State Police of all evidence seized during the execution of search warrants. Recently, Judge Richard Carey of Hampshire Superior Court allowed a Motion to Inspect all Physical Evidence from the Farak case currently in the custody of our Office. Responsive to that request, please find 289 pages of documentary evidence currently in our custody. This documentary evidence is listed in the police report of Trooper Randy Thomas that was forwarded to your office on March 25, 2013. This disclosure is pursuant to this Office's continuing obligation to provide potentially exculpatory information to the District Attorneys as well as information necessary to your Offices' determination about how to proceed with cases in which related narcotics evidence was tested at the Amherst laboratory.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (617) 963-2489 with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Verner

Chief of the Criminal Bureau Attorney General's Office

Enclosure