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4TH DISTRICT COURT – AMERICAN FORK UTAH COUNTY, STATE OF UTAH	
STATE OF UTAH,  Plaintiff,  v.  DAVID LEE HAMBLIN,  Defendant.	ORDER RE: PETITION FOR EXPUNGEMENT  Case No. 121101477  Judge: ROGER W. GRIFFIN

A hearing was held August 16, 2022 on petitioner David Hamblin's petition for expungement. Mr. Hamblin was present and represented by Stephen R. Frazier. The Utah County Attorney's Office was represented by Deputy County Attorney Chad E. Grunander and the Utah Attorney General's Office was represented by Craig L. Barlow, Criminal Deputy. The court had read the submissions from counsel and heard arguments from counsel. Based on the submissions, arguments and good cause the Court enters the following Order.

The petition for expungement is denied at this time. Mr. Grunander presented argument that the Utah County Attorney's Office has a conflict of interest regarding the petition citing political issues involving the current County Attorney. The court finds that there is a conflict of interest

and orders that the Utah County Attorney is recused from further involvement with Mr. Hamblin's case.

Based on representations by Mr. Barlow the Court orders that the Utah Attorney General's Office is now the prosecuting entity on the Hamblin case going forward. Mr. Barlow presented argument that the Attorney General's Office is currently pursuing an investigation of Mr. Hamblin regarding the same allegations which are the subject of his petition for expungement. Based on Mr. Barlow's further representations the court finds that there is a good faith basis for the intention to refile charges against Mr. Hamblin. The court also orders, however, pursuant to Utah Code Section 77-40a-306(2)(a) that if charges are not filed within 180 days from August 16, 2022, the court will expeditiously entertain a renewed petition for expungement.

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