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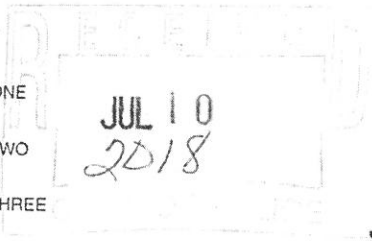
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Constable Eric Hatfield, Ward 8
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Dear Constable Hatfield:

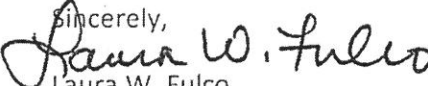
It has come to the attention of the Caddo Parish District Attorney's Office that you are conducting investigations into matters outside of the jurisdictional restraint of your authority, specifically, investigations into felony vehicle burglaries. A constable serves at the direction of the city courts (Justice of the Peace Courts) and has jurisdiction to the extent that the court from which the constable attains power has legal as well as territorial jurisdiction.

Louisiana Revised Statutes 15: 5822 limits the duties of a constable as follows: "The constables shall serve and execute all process to them **directed by the judges of the city courts**, and shall attend the courts held by them, to keep order therein (emphasis added)."

As you should be aware, the prosecution of all felony matters resides within the sole jurisdiction of the Caddo Parish District Court. Therefore, investigation by you into any felony matter is an exercise of authority that you do not have. The authority to investigate felony matters is granted by law to the Sheriff of Caddo Parish, the Louisiana State Police, or the Shreveport Police Department.

Therefore, please refer any and all felony investigations to the appropriate law enforcement agencies as outlined above. Also, if you have generated any reports or completed any investigations of felony matters, these should also be referred to the above law enforcement agencies.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at my direct line, 318.429.7660.

Sincerely,

Laura W. Fulco
First Assistant District Attorney

CC: Sheriff Steve Prator, Caddo Parish Sheriff
Chief Alan Crump, Shreveport Police Department
Colonel Kevin Reeves, Louisiana State Police