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Salt Lake City, UT — The Salt Lake County District Attorney’s Office Friday filed motions to dismiss 26 cases related to the West Valley Police Department’s Neighborhood Narcotics Unit. As before, the Office sought to dismiss these cases in the interests of justice because the Office believed these cases no longer had a reasonable likelihood of success at trial. The cases sought to be dismissed on May 3 were mostly older cases on bench warrant; some time was needed to obtain and review the older case files to determine which cases should be dismissed.

Also Friday, the District Attorney’s Office filed Notices of Possible Impeachment Evidence in 48 other cases related to the Neighborhood Narcotics Unit. We anticipate another approximately 25 cases will have similar notices filed in the coming days. The Office believes these cases can still be prosecuted and consistent with the law, the Office intends to vigorously prosecute where appropriate. The notices advise the court and defense attorneys that there may be impeachment evidence pertaining to a witness or witnesses in the case.

Pursuant to the principles espoused in the United States Supreme Court cases of *Brady v. Maryland* and *Giglio v. United States*, the Constitution imposes on prosecutors an affirmative obligation to make such disclosures necessary to ensure a fair and just process to all individuals in our criminal justice system.

Because the potential impeachment evidence is contained within protected records, the evidence cannot be disseminated without a court order. We believe these notices comply with the relevant law and fulfill our initial disclosure obligations; the Office will continue to fulfill the ethical standards required of prosecutors as the Office participates in any litigation that follows from these notices. All persons accused of a crime are presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.

Disclosure Cases

COURT #	DEFENDANT
091906092	Acosta, Alonzo
091906178	Morales, Marco
091905440	Tories, Benito
091904081	Casillas-Menchaca, Javier
091902365	Navarro, Ivis
101902558	Escobedo-Deras, Jaime
111907734	Silvia, Alfredo
121904632	Matos-Romero, Ruis
101902190	Wade, Riley
051100941	Garcia-Juarez, Carlos
091904269	De La Cruz, Fernando
121909332	Cardones-Lopez, Ramon
121905157	Prisciliano-Garcia, Jesus
121904516	Magallanes, Eduardo

111902107	Garcia, Alonso
111901958	Carranza, Jose
091908355	Pineda, Juan
081909034	Huerta, Silvestre
081908209	Garcia-Alvarado, Jose
051100942	Villasenor, Juan
091906091	Navarro, Marvin
091906989	Gomez-Velazquez, Samuel
091907171	Flores-Hernandez, Javier
111901240	Quinian, Lindsey
091909040	Garcia, Teresa
091908836	Benitez, Juan
091910124	Alvarez-Martinez, Alfredo
101900023	Olivares, Jorge
101900538	Zuniga-Navarro, Fredi
101900263	Miranda-Villegas, Luis
091904633	Sanchez, Gabriel
091905589	Engombia, Alejandro
091907055	Ortiz, John
091910186	Navarro-Lizama, Jose
091910107	Martinez-Lopez, Eduardo
091910110	Martinez, Orozco
061908189	Ojeda, Maria
081906821	Perez, Juan Carlos
081908211	Medina-Briseno, Antonio
081908144	Briseno, Jose
091900826	Hernandez, Felipe
081909816	Toledo, Jose
101903038	Ocampo-Briones, Ulises
091907372	Lopez-Guzman, Jesus
121903498	Chappell, Tina
131900144	Garcia, Ernest
121910856	Walton, Thomas
121908247	Flores, Anthony

**Dismissed
Cases**

COURT #	DEFENDANT
111902956	Hernandez, Luis
101907013	Melender, Victor

101908831	Reyes, Armando
101909346	Perez-Rubio, Manuel
111900326	Rivera-Garcia, Josue
111900417	Ahumada-Carrillo, Luis
111902143	Flores-River, Ali
111902262	Ruiz-Esqueda, Edgar
111901680	Gomez, Jose
111909693	Rodriguez, Jose
111909674	Gonzales, Thomas
101907012	Virgen-Pacheco, Luis
101902804	Ruiz, Eric
101903324	Solis-Miranda, Bertha
091905342	Trujillo, Gabriel
101903325	Quimonez-Ortiz, Guerrmo
101901185	Rivera, Christian
101907415	Medina-Ramirez, Luis
091908968	Yobany, Milton
091908191	Lozano-Flores, Daniel
091908319	Becerrer, Sergio
091906888	Ocampo, Ramon
091907228	Lambtor-Navaro, Julio
091905628	Contreras, Adolfo
091906126	Abodel-Arrajo, Ramiro
091904421	Carranza-Nunez, Armando

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