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The Honorable Allister Adel
Maricopa County Attorney
301 West Jefferson Street, Suite 800
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Dear Allister:

We have learned that many criminal cases being handled by the Maricopa County Attorney's Office were dropped because charges were not timely filed. I am concerned that justice will not be secured for crime victims. Additionally, the failure to pursue these charges has nullified the hard work of law enforcement agencies and the peace officers working these cases.

Although public explanations have been offered, we are hereby requesting a complete report pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-193(A)(4) from the Maricopa County Attorney's Office regarding the failure to timely file these charges. This report should contain (1) information on how the office is structured, (2) who is responsible for assuring that cases are timely filed, (3) a list of the cases that were not timely filed and background information on each case, (4) a thorough explanation as to why these cases were not timely filed, and (5) what steps are being taken to prevent this from happening again.

Please have this report completed no later than March 31, 2022. We will then carefully review it and determine the next steps to be taken in accordance with the Attorney General's supervisory authority under A.R.S. § 41-193(A)(4). If you have any questions, please contact Chief Deputy Joe Kanefield at (602) 542-██████.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mark Brnovich
Attorney General