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**DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS**

August 11, 2021

**Re: DISCLOSURE REGARDING MISSING DATA FROM DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NETWORK DRIVE**

In an effort for full transparency, and pursuant to our obligation under federal and state law to disclose potential exculpatory, impeachment, and mitigating evidence, the Dallas County Criminal District Attorney's Office makes the following disclosure:

On August 6, 2021, the Dallas Police Department (DPD) and City of Dallas Information and Technology Services Department (ITS) informed the administration of this Office that in April 2021, the City discovered that multiple Terabytes of DPD data had been deleted during a data migration of a DPD network drive. This Office asked for more precise information. In the late afternoon of August 9, 2021, DPD responded with additional information. We learned that 22 Terabytes of DPD data were deleted over the course of a few days (March 31, 2021 – April 5, 2021). Approximately 14 Terabytes of data were recovered, but approximately 8 Terabytes remain missing and are believed to be unrecoverable.

The City of Dallas became aware of this issue on April 5, 2021, when DPD users noticed certain files were missing. The administration of this Office was informed of this issue by DPD and ITS on August 6, 2021, after inquiring why pending cases were missing files.

We have asked DPD for a date range of affected cases, to narrow down the scope of potentially impacted cases. As we understand it today, this data loss applies to cases with offense dates before July 28, 2020. Additionally, this issue does not affect "direct file" cases (i.e., cases without a detective, such as DWI, Evading Arrest, and Unlawful Possession of Firearm by a Felon). The City of Dallas is working on a plan to specifically identify affected cases.

Effective today, all prosecutors have been instructed to verify with the filing detective that all evidence/files were shared with our office via TechShare before disposing of the case. This requires the detective to compare the police department's records to those maintained in TechShare, in order to confirm that all evidence gathered in the case is uploaded into TechShare or to determine if there are any missing files that DPD had not previously shared in TechShare. Should there be any missing files in a case, the prosecutor will make a written disclosure based upon the information communicated by DPD.

Because the number and identification of specific cases affected by this network drive deletion is currently unknown, this general notice is provided to communicate this issue as soon as practicable and has been posted to our website. Please feel free to distribute this information.

If you believe your case was impacted by this issue, please prepare a written request and submit it to the trial prosecutor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Cruzot".

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