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## **DA Investigator Resigns; Apologizes and Retracts Unfounded Allegations**

(Woodland, CA) – Today, Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig announced District Attorney Investigator Rick Gore has voluntarily resigned his position with the District Attorney’s Office and has provided a signed letter apologizing for, and retracting certain accusations concerning Mr. Reisig and the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office that were contained in a letter written and made public by Mr. Gore on March 5, 2008. (Copies of the apology and retraction letter are attached to this release.)

In March 2008, The People’s Vanguard of Davis blog published Mr. Gore’s March 5, 2008 letter in which Mr. Gore made allegations of unethical legal practices and the creation of a hostile work environment for employees. Mr. Gore also claimed he had been improperly denied a pay raise. The story quickly spread to other media outlets. District Attorney Reisig denied all of the accusations and immediately requested an independent investigation be conducted into the allegations.

On May 21, 2008, Yolo County publicly released the summary findings of an independent legal investigation into this matter. These findings determined that all of the allegations in Mr. Gore’s March 5, 2008 letter were unsubstantiated.

In his retraction letter, dated August 31, 2009, Mr. Gore apologizes to “...Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig, Deputy District Attorney Garrett Hamilton, District Attorney’s Lieutenant Investigator Bruce Naliboff and the entire staff of the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office for the misrepresentations concerning them contained in my letter dated 5 March 2008...” Mr. Gore then lists, and ultimately retracts, substantive allegations from his March 5, 2008 letter which he now states were “unfounded.”

“I am pleased that Mr. Gore has retracted his unfounded accusations against this office and the dedicated people working here,” said Yolo County District Attorney Jeff Reisig. “I believe this retraction, along with the findings of the county’s independent investigation released last year, have vindicated those in the District Attorney’s Office affected by Mr. Gore’s allegations. These fine attorneys and investigators are committed to professionally and ethically serving the citizens of Yolo County.”

Mr. Reisig went on to state, “the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office maintains the highest standards of ethics and professionalism. The personal and professional integrity of the attorneys and investigators in the office is critical to the job we do protecting public safety. An effective and fair administration of the criminal justice system in Yolo County is of the upmost priority to the District Attorney’s Office.”

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Attachment: Gore apology and retraction letter