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Political Extortion Case of Nevada Assemblyman Continues

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The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, the Office of the Clark County District Attorney and the Office of the Nevada Attorney General wish to advise the following:

In December of 2014, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Criminal Intelligence Section began an investigation into allegations of extortion of Nevada District 19 Assemblyman Christopher Edwards. The investigation was initiated when Assemblyman Edwards was approached about changing his official vote for Assembly Speaker and then reported this activity to authorities.

The Office of the Clark County District Attorney has been consulted throughout the process. A primary objective of the investigation has been to determine the facts without affecting the integrity of the legislative process.

The investigation remains ongoing. Detectives will be conducting follow-up interviews of several key witnesses and the process of forensic analysis of items recovered continues. It is not anticipated that the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department will submit Requests for Prosecution for any member of the Nevada Legislature to any prosecutorial authority, including the Office of the Clark County District Attorney or the Office of the Nevada Attorney General. None of the members of the Nevada Legislature are targets of this investigation.

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During the course of this investigation, detectives sought and received judicial authorization to utilize wiretaps to assist in gathering evidence. As required by Nevada law, notifications will be sent in the upcoming week to all people whose calls were intercepted.

It is important to keep in mind that receipt of a notification letter does not necessarily mean that a person or entity is a target of the investigation or even involved at all. It is simply a notification.

This is a complex, sensitive investigation. In an effort to be thorough, every viable lead has been pursued. As the facts of this case become known through the unsealing of the out-of-state search warrants, it is inevitable that there will be more questions concerning this investigation. To maintain the integrity of this case, there will be no further information released and no statements will be given at this time. At the conclusion of the investigation additional details will be made available.

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