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The Honorable William C. Ryan
Writ Center
Los Angeles County Superior Court
Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center
210 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Judge Ryan:

In re PEOPLE V. RAYMOND JENNINGS, Case No. MA033712

This document is an addendum to the June 22, 2016, letter to Judge James Brandlin which by stipulation of the parties, and with the approval of this court, serves as the Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by petitioner Raymond Jennings. The petition asserts that newly discovered evidence exists which completely undermines the prosecution's case and points unerringly to the innocence of Raymond Jennings in the murder of Michelle O'Keefe.¹

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department is currently investigating the murder of Michelle O'Keefe. Based on the investigation conducted to date, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office agrees that Raymond Jennings is entitled to relief through habeas corpus based on newly discovered evidence pointing to his factual innocence.

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has lost confidence in the validity of the conviction and requests that this court grant the habeas corpus petition and set aside Jennings' conviction.

Additionally, based upon the current state of the evidence known to us, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office will not seek to retry Raymond Jennings for the murder of Michelle O'Keefe.

¹ See, *In re Lawley* (2008) 42 Cal.4th 1231, 1240-1241.

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Pursuant to Penal Code section 1485.5, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office stipulates that facts uncovered in the on-going investigation meets the burden of proof required for a finding of factual innocence for petitioner Raymond Jennings.

Respectfully submitted,

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