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Mr. Horowitz,

I have attached a letter authored by myself and Mrs. Amy Sherlock (Amy), dated January 23, 2025. That letter was sent by certified mail to Special Agents, Daniel James (James) and Curtis Silver (Silver), both who work in the San Diego FBI's Public Integrity Unit (PIU) office. (See Exhibit 1). As you will see by USPS tracking, that letter was received in the San Diego office on January 24, 2025 (See Exhibit 2). Of course, since they just received it, we have yet to receive a response to that letter, but our letter to you is meant both to be preemptive and to expand your knowledge of what we know to be occurring on a much larger scale.

Amy and I have had some history with these agents and their supervisor (I believe his name was Brett) that concerns us to the point we fear there may be retaliatory acts by these agents for having even sent them that letter. In fact, we have reason to believe that these agents did nothing with the information we provided them, or information and evidence provided by a number of other victims we introduced to them in the mistaken belief we would lose interest and simply go away. I can assure you that has not been the case. In fact, those who have been subjected to these ongoing systemic activities have only grown in numbers<sup>1</sup>. We would be happy to provide the DOJ with those other parties' identities once the investigative scope broadens.

As far as Amy and I are concerned, we believe our concerns over retaliation are justified for the following reasons. This letter contains two attachments that were not included in the January 23<sup>rd</sup> letter. The first is a series of text messages between d Ms. Amy Sherlock and S.A. Daniel James that occurred between 08/2022 and 09/2024 (See Exhibit 3). There are 14 pages that provide a sense of how Amy and S.A. James communicated what evidence she had of City of San Diego corruption in the Adult-Use Conditional Use Permit (CUP) process and that additional evidence she provided S.A James and Silver, proves that her husband, Michael "Biker" Sherlock's death was not a suicide as reported but instead a murder which allowed the CUP's he had acquired

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<sup>1</sup> These pay-to-play activities are not limited to just San Diego or even California. There exists ample evidence that these ongoing pay-to-play licensing schemes are systematically occurring throughout California and in other states where these all cash based, adult-use cannabis businesses operate "legally" under state law. In our case we provided James and Silver with other victims of these crimes outside of their jurisdiction, but no agency referrals or follow up inquiries with the parties were ever made.

in his name to be taken over by wealthy, well connected parties he had considered partners while he pursued these CUPs.

The other evidence I would like to present to you would be the email Amy sent to her attorney Andrew Flores (See Exhibit 4) which described her last conversation on September 10, 2024 she had with James and Silver during which they told her that the evidence she (and by association all my evidence) had brought them, although was “not right,” was not evidence of a widespread pattern by those in government. But beyond that incredible statement as far as there being any FBI investigation into those activities that involved private citizens who would be violating laws, Amy asked if they would refer this information to other divisions within the FBI, they declined to help her with a referral stating it was “her behavior that prevented people [i.e. law enforcement] from helping her.” **Wow!**

Please understand that even writing this letter has been extremely difficult and fills us with fear and trepidation. We do not want to believe that a fair and honest attempt has not been made by these agents to have investigated this public corruption and the associated private party activities evidence they have been provided with. However, there is a case precedent for what these agents failed to do and that failure to act scenario existed in the [USA Gymnastics matter](#), when lead Special Agent Michael Langeman, a career civil servant, was given testimony and evidence by the victims of sexual misconduct perpetrated by their Coach Larry Nassar. When considering how [S.A. Langman treated the evidence given him regarding Coach Nassar](#) and how James and Silver have treated our testimony and evidence even going so far as to blame us and our search for justice that has led to us becoming pariahs of the law enforcement community. Not willing to accept that characterization we are compelled to bring this matter to your attention.

Finally, I would ask that you please consider the information contained herein and find out what case files these agents may have acquired over the years and to consider the new evidence we provide the agents in our January 23<sup>rd</sup> letter. Should you request these letters and documents in electronic form, whereby all the embedded hyperlinks would be available for you, I am happy to provide you with those versions upon your request.

Thank you for your consideration and in anticipation of your reply we will remain.



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Attachments: Exhibit 1 (Cotton's 01/23/2025 Letter to FBI-PIU San Diego)  
Exhibit 2 (USPS Tracking)  
Exhibit 3 (Text Messages)  
Exhibit 4 (Sherlock Email)