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Re: California Public Records Act Request

Dear Mr. Neville:

This is in response to your request pursuant to the California Public Records Act (CPRA), received by this office on December 30, 2021.

You have requested:

> The 7+ hours of the interview/interrogation of Joseph James DeAngelo, aka the East Area Rapist aka Golden State Killer.

Government Code section 6254(f) exempts from CPRA disclosure records of complaints to or investigations conducted by any local police agency, investigatory files compiled by any local police agency, and investigatory files compiled by any other local agency for law enforcement or licensing purposes. Under the California Constitution and by statute, the District Attorney is vested with broad authority to investigate violations of the law, and prosecute such matters in criminal, civil, or administrative actions, as may be appropriate. The District Attorney's employees include peace officers, attorneys, and other staff who perform such investigations. There can be no question that the District Attorney's Office is a local agency that conducts police or law enforcement investigations and has complaints and investigatory files within the meaning of section 6254(f). Case law supports this conclusion. (See *Rivero v. Superior Court* (1997) 54 Cal.App.4th 1048; *Rackaucas v. Superior Court* (2012) 104 Cal.App.4th 169; *Fagan v. Superior Court* (2003) 111 Cal.App.4th 607; *County of Los Angeles v. Superior Court* (2005) 130 Cal.App.4th 1099.) This exemption applies not only to documents generated by the agency, but also to records gathered from victims, witnesses, and others. (See *Haynie v. Superior Court* (2001) 26 Cal.4th 1061.) This exemption continues to apply even if the case is complete and the investigation closed. (See *Rivero v. Superior Court* (1997) 54 Cal.App.4th 1048; *Williams v. Superior Court* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 337.)

Certain documents and video footage from this matter have been publicly released. Because your request specifically seeks by length a "7+ hour" interview, it appears you are only requesting the full video of an interview by law enforcement with Joseph DeAngelo. Only portions were previously publicly released. As such, the full video and the remainder of our investigatory files remain exempt from disclosure under the CPRA. If you would like copies of the video footage, or documents, previously released, please let me know and we can make those available to you.

Sincerely,

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