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The Honorable Daniel May
District Attorney
4th Judicial District
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Dear District Attorney May:

The following overview details the results of the comprehensive investigation conducted by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into allegations of threat(s) and/or intimidation involving the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (EPCSO) in relation to the notarization of commission cards.

On November 15, 2017, the 4th Judicial District Attorney's Office requested that the CBI investigate the claims listed above based on information in a newspaper article printed by [The Independent](#) on November 8, 2017. The article alleged employees with the EPCSO ordered two (former) employees (Richard Dietz and David Mejia) to notarize several-hundred commission cards in 2017, which were obtained in 2015. The news article further stated that neither Dietz nor Mejia witnessed the signatures, which was in direct violation of notary rules. CBI Pueblo Agent in Charge Jodi Wright conducted the investigation beginning on November 15, 2017. The process involved a number of interviews of current and former EPCSO staff members in connection with the allegations relayed in the article published by [The Independent](#) in early November.

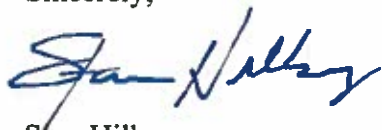
During the course of the interviews, current and former EPCSO staff relayed the circumstances surrounding the event where Sheriff Bill Elder conducted an Oath of Office/Swearing In ceremony for hundreds of commissioned Deputies of the EPCSO. Based on the results of the interviews and additional investigation conducted by CBI Agent in Charge Wright, it was determined no evidence existed to substantiate that threats and intimidation took place against Dietz and Mejia that would have forced them to violate existing notary rules.



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Due to the absence of any supporting documentation or statements to substantiate the allegation, the CBI considers this matter closed. Moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional assistance regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Stan Hilkey
Executive Director

cc: John Camper, Director, Colorado Bureau of Investigation

