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DA Sunday Releases Update on Clergy Abuse Investigations

York, PA – As stated in my press release dated Wednesday, August 15, 2018 and in accordance with the Criminal History Records Information Act (CHRIA), Right to Know Law (RTKL) and our ethical duties as prosecutors, I would like to inform the public about the status of investigative records and/or evidence that, according to the report from the Attorney General's Statewide 40th Investigative Grand Jury, were forwarded to the York County District Attorney's Office and subsequently investigated by the York City Police Department in 1995. Both my office and the York City Police Department conducted thorough and diligent searches of its records and files to see if any such materials exist.

Our agencies determined that any evidence and/or reports forwarded to the York City Police Department were destroyed in accordance with statewide accreditation standards governing investigations where no charges are filed. Furthermore, my office does not possess any records concerning subjects of the Attorney General's Grand Jury report, as any such reports would have been purged in accordance with office record retention policy in matters that are not prosecuted. Regardless of this circumstance, my office and all law enforcement in York County will extensively investigate any and all credible allegations of sexual abuse, including any offenses involving clergy within York County referenced in or associated with the Attorney General's Grand Jury report.

Accordingly, I am hereby announcing that the York County District Attorney's Office has established an electronic tip line to receive any information concerning clergy abuse in York County and/or offenses referenced in or associated with the 40th Statewide Investigative Grand Jury Report. We are asking that anyone with information email us at DATips@yorkcountypa.gov.