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MEDIA STATEMENT FROM CHIEF DONALD H. BLEVINS

On April 19, 2010, the Board of Supervisors appointed me to be the Chief Probation Officer for Los Angeles County. I bring to this Department 34 years of progressive Probation experience. I took over the Department at a time when it was undoubtedly not at its best.

The decisions and actions made the past several years has created an environment that has allowed certain questionable activities to take place and tarnish the credibility and reputation of an otherwise distinguished Los Angeles County agency.

As the Chief Probation Officer of this Department, I am responsible for all aspect of the operations of this Department.

Recently, a number of troubling allegations have come to light, pointing to a Department that lacks accountability, has substandard management practices, lacks internal control, and operational oversight.

Let me just acknowledge up front that during the first 2 months of my tenure as Chief, I have found most of these allegations to be true.

It is my responsibility to investigate the allegations of fraudulent activities that are said to be taking place and I assure you, those who have violated my trust, will be punished and/or removed from this Department. I have a zero-tolerance for misbehavior within my organization. The standard level that I hold every single employee within this Department is that of professionalism and high personal integrity. If this is too much for any employee to handle, then perhaps they made a poor career choice. These are sworn officers and they must act accordingly.

“Rebuild Lives and Provide for Healthier and Safer Communities”

I am fully supported by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the CEO, to clean up this Department.

It is my goal for this Department to reclaim the leadership role in our community, as well as statewide and nationally as an effective model.

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