

To: Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Re: Request for Full, Complete, and Independent Investigation — Yolo County Probation Department

Members of the Board:

I am formally requesting a **full, complete, and independent investigation** into serious allegations concerning Rachelle Gayton's leadership and oversight of the Yolo County Probation Department and the treatment of my minor son, [REDACTED], while in county custody.

These concerns extend beyond individual mistakes. I allege that there has been a **failure of executive oversight and accountability that allowed serious deficiencies in care, inaccurate or misleading representations, and potential retaliation to continue without meaningful corrective action.**

I repeatedly attempted to address these problems through the proper chain of command and requested meetings with Ms. Gayton. Despite the seriousness of the allegations, she has refused to meet with me and has continued to direct concerns back through the same departmental structure whose conduct is being challenged.

A particularly serious issue involves representations made to the court. I have raised concerns that Probation personnel **failed to present complete, accurate, or truthful information to the court concerning [REDACTED] treatment, evaluations, medications, services, and care.** When these representations and other failures were challenged, I believe subsequent conduct by Probation personnel raises serious concerns of retaliation. I am requesting that an independent investigator determine whether retaliation occurred, who authorized or participated in it, and whether management knew or reasonably should have known about it.

Ms. Gayton has also stated in writing that [REDACTED] receives **multidisciplinary meetings to plan and coordinate his care.** Despite repeated requests, I have not been provided the dates, attendees, agendas, minutes, action items, decisions, or follow-up necessary to substantiate that representation.

I have repeatedly raised concerns involving [REDACTED] **mental-health treatment, medical care, education, evaluations, placement, medication, and rehabilitative services.** These concerns have persisted for months without adequate resolution.

The investigation should specifically examine whether:

- Ms. Gayton provided adequate supervision and oversight of Probation personnel;

- Probation personnel provided complete and accurate information to the court;
- inaccurate or misleading representations were knowingly made or allowed to remain uncorrected;
- retaliation occurred against individuals who questioned or challenged departmental conduct;
- management knew or should have known of retaliatory conduct and failed to intervene;
- multidisciplinary meetings and services represented as occurring actually occurred;
- complaints were appropriately investigated and documented; and
- systemic supervisory failures contributed to deficiencies in Sterling's care and rehabilitation.

This investigation **cannot simply be referred back to Ms. Gayton's subordinates or the same chain of command whose conduct is being challenged.** Employees should not be expected to independently investigate allegations involving their own department leadership where their findings could adversely affect their supervisors.

I request preservation and independent review of all relevant **emails, internal messages, calendars, meeting records, case notes, court reports, CFT records, evaluations, treatment records, referrals, incident reports, supervisory communications, and communications with outside providers.**

I am not asking that allegations be accepted without investigation. I am asking the County to determine, through an **independent examination of the records and witnesses**, what actually occurred, whether representations to the court and family were accurate, whether retaliation occurred, whether leadership provided adequate oversight, and what corrective action is warranted.

These allegations involve the **care, rehabilitation, and protection of a minor in government custody and the integrity of information presented to the juvenile court.** They warrant independent scrutiny rather than another internal review by the department whose conduct is at issue.

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Parent of [REDACTED]