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This Letter Sent VIA Email Only

Re: *Kenneth Bullock v State of Michigan*
Court of Claims, Docket No. 25-000100-MP

Dear Senators, Representatives, and Directors:

MCL 18.1396 directs that the Attorney General notify you in the event of a settlement or consent judgment in excess of \$200,000. Accordingly, I am notifying you that on February 9, 2026, Court of Claims Judge Michael F. Gadola entered a judgment in the amount of \$594,810.58 to Plaintiff Kenneth Bullock for the twelve years that he was wrongfully imprisoned in the state prison system. The Attorney General concurred in the judgment.

Mr. Bullock was convicted of carjacking, armed robbery, felon in possession, and felony firearm in 2011. The primary evidence implicating Bullock came from the victim's identification of Bullock during an in-person line up. Police officers arrested Bullock after they discovered he was selling the victim's stolen car approximately 14 months after the carjacking.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office Conviction Integrity Unit (WCPO CIU) received a letter from another individual confessing to the carjacking. Rucker's confession was nearly identical to the victim's description of the carjacking. The WCPO CIU also uncovered a chain of titles for the stolen vehicle showing that the vehicle was owned by at least two other individuals after the carjacking and before Bullock owned the vehicle, and he did not know about or have anything to do with the carjacking.

The WCPO CIU entered a stipulated order to the Wayne County Circuit Court vacating Bullock's conviction based on the new evidence, and the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office subsequently dismissed the charges.

The primary purpose of the Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation Act (WICA), MCL 691.1751 *et seq*, is to provide compensation and other relief to individuals wrongfully imprisoned for crimes they did not commit. The WICA provides that a plaintiff who was wrongfully imprisoned is entitled to \$50,000.00 for each year he was wrongfully incarcerated and a prorated amount for any additional time less than a year. MCL 691.1755(2)(a). Mr. Bullock established that he was entitled to compensation under the WICA because he demonstrated, by clear and convincing evidence, that: (1) he was convicted of one or more crimes under the law of this state, was sentenced to a term of imprisonment in a state correctional facility, and served time on his sentence; (2) his convictions were reversed and his charges dismissed based upon new evidence; and (3) new evidence demonstrated that he did not perpetrate the crime and was not an accomplice or accessory to the acts that were the basis of his conviction. MCL 691.1755(1).

Sincerely,



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