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Travis County District Attorney Margaret Moore today released the following statement:

"In an effort to secure the appearance and cooperation of crime victims and material witnesses in pending criminal cases, this office will immediately begin distributing letters to individuals subject to possible deportation based upon their immigration status and who are essential to the prosecution of a felony case. The letters identify the individual as a crime victim or witness and request immigration officials to notify the Travis County District Attorney's Office in the event a witness is taken into custody for possible deportation proceedings. The office will follow a strict internal protocol to maintain a database of issued letters and security measures to verify the identity of the person presenting the letter to law enforcement."

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Below, you will find a list of local agencies that provide free or low cost legal services related to immigration issues. In addition, there are multiple local private immigration lawyers who can assist you. The District Attorney's Office does not endorse any particular agency or lawyer. We simply want you to be aware that legal services exist in this community related to immigration issues.

A continuación encontrará una lista de las agencias locales que proveen servicios legales gratis o a bajo costo relacionados con asuntos de inmigración. Abogados privados de inmigración también le pueden ayudar con estos asuntos. Sepa que la Oficina de la Fiscalía no está endosando a ninguna organización o abogado. Simplemente queremos que tenga en cuenta que servicios legales relacionados con asuntos de inmigración existen en esta comunidad.

Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc. (**Family violence cases only/Casos de violencia domestica solamente**)
4920 IH-35
Austin, TX 78751
Phone: (512) 374-2700

American Gateways
314 E Highland Mall Blvd # 501
Austin, TX 78752
Phone: (512) 478-0546

Casa Marianella
821 Gunter St
Austin, TX 78702
Phone: (512) 385-5571

Catholic Charities
1625 Rutherford Lane
Austin, TX 78754
Phone: (512) 651-6100

RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Immigration Services)
611 Neches St
Austin, TX 78701
Phone: (512) 994-2199

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Date_____

To Whom It May Concern:

The person listed below is a crime victim and/or essential witness in a felony case currently pending in Travis County, Texas. The Travis County District Attorney considers this individual necessary to the effective prosecution of the following case:

The State of Texas vs _____, cause number D-1-DC_____.

The holder of this letter should match the following identifiers:

Name: _____ Thumbprint:

D.O.B. _____

Last Known Address: _____

_____

Should you find it necessary to detain this individual, we respectfully ask that you contact our office immediately.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Margaret Moore
Travis County District Attorney

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by _____, on this _____ day of

_____, 201__.

_____
Notary Public, State of Texas

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Fecha_____

A quien pueda interesar:

La persona indicada a continuación es un testigo esencial o una víctima de crimen en un caso de delito actualmente pendiente en el Condado de Travis, Texas. El fiscal de distrito del Condado de Travis considera este individual necesario para el procesamiento efectivo de la siguiente causa:

El estado de Texas vs_____, causa número D-1-DC-_____.

El titular de esta carta debe coincidir con los siguientes identificadores:

Nombre: _____ Huella digital:

Fecha de nacimiento: _____

Última dirección conocida: _____

_____

Si usted encuentra necesario detener a este individuo, le pedimos respetuosamente que usted se ponga en contacto con nuestra oficina inmediatamente.

Gracias por su cooperación.

Atentamente,

Margaret Moore
Fiscal de Distrito del Condado de Travis

JURADO y suscrito ante mí por _____, de fecha _____de _____, 201__.

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Notario Público, Estado de Texas

Numero de control_____

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