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For Immediate Release: District Attorney Gonzalez's Response to "Junket" Playing a Role in Marsy's Law Violation Case

My trip to Alabama this past April allowed me to learn from and connect with other district attorneys from around the country, seeking answers to address racial injustices in their offices and our current legal system. There is perhaps no better place to do this essential work than in Montgomery and Selma, cities that are pivotal in the battle to secure civil rights and where several major civil rights cases were decided in the 1950s and '60s.

To say that my trip adversely affected the outcome of a case speaks to the sensationalist tactics that our office continues to endure. It suggests that my office and I could not communicate while I was away. If we learned nothing else from COVID, we learned that physical location does not limit communication nor stop collaboration.

Our office recently released a statement identifying areas for improvement in our communication with victims and their families. Contrary to Kevin Epp's comments, we do not have an issue with inter-office communication. To that effect, I fail to see how the request for documents from our office, including email and text message correspondence containing the words and phrases "Selma, Alabama, and Fair and Just Prosecution," are relevant to the case outcome.

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