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Deschutes County Sheriff Placed on Brady List Following Investigative Findings

Bend, OR-While a Deputy Sheriff, Kent A. Vander Kamp became certified as a Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) in which he demonstrated proficiency in conducting, evaluating, and documenting results of the drug influence evaluation process. To maintain his DRE credentials, one of the requirements was that Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp maintain his updated CV with the State of Oregon. A curriculum vitae or "CV" is a document that is like a resume and normally includes a detailed description of the author's educational background, work history and qualifications. In the courtroom context, expert witnesses are typically expected to prepare and present a CV to establish their qualifications to provide an expert opinion regarding a particular subject. Kent Vander Kamp testified as an expert witness several times over the course of his career on the subject of drug-impaired driving. As is typical, his CV was admitted as an exhibit in those trials to demonstrate his qualifications and expertise. While testifying as a DRE regarding impairment, Deputy Vander Kamp offered his testimony as expert opinion evidence based on his education, training and experience documented in a Curriculum Vitae and through his testimony.

In November 2024, Deschutes County Deputy Sheriff Kent A. Vander Kamp ran for the elected office of Deschutes County Sheriff. During the election season, he provided information in the 2024 Voter's Pamphlet to the public listing his educational background. The information provided in the Voter's Pamphlet was accurate and independently confirmed.

During this period, a Deschutes County District Attorney's Office prosecutor brought to the attention of the District Attorney information that there may be material discrepancies between what Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp represented as his educational history in the 2024 Voter's Pamphlet and what he previously testified to as his educational history while a witness in criminal trials. Specifically, Kent Vander Kamp's entry in the Voter's Pamphlet lists his educational background, as follows: "Master of Business Administration – Government Administration, Trident University; Bachelor of Science – Business Management – University of Phoenix; Diploma, Francisco Bravo Medical HS." The DA's Office staff member who brought this to the attention of the District Attorney recalled that Kent Vander Kamp had previously submitted a CV that claimed and he had testified that he had graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor's Degree and had received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Arizona. The record of the trial which was held in 2013 was reviewed and that recollection of past testimony was confirmed.

This raised concerns regarding the accuracy of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp's past curricula vitae (CVs) submitted to the Oregon State Police (OSP) and his subsequent testimony authenticating his CVs during these trials.

The concerns with the apparent discrepancy centered around whether Kent Vander Kamp had been untruthful in the course of his official duties. As required by our legal and ethical obligations, our office initiated a full investigation to determine whether his conduct affected his credibility as a witness in criminal prosecutions.

In November 2024, prior to the Sheriff's election, the DA's Office reached out to Kent Vander Kamp's attorney to notify him of the perceived discrepancy and to give him an opportunity to clear up any misunderstanding. On November 12, 2024, District Attorney Steve Gunnels met with Kent Vander Kamp's attorney to discuss the matter. The explanation given during that meeting was that Kent Vander Kamp had not in fact graduated from the University of Southern California or the University of Arizona. The District Attorney was told that Vander Kamp was claiming that the curriculum vitae submitted in the previously mentioned 2013 trial had been prepared by someone other than Vander Kamp and that he had simply failed to read it thoroughly before he submitted that document to the Oregon State Police and before he testified at trial. The attorney was informed that the investigation would continue, and he was invited to produce any information to the DA's Office that he believed would be relevant to the DA's Office review process.

All attorneys in the DA's Office with pending cases involving Vander Kamp were directed to not call him as a witness until further notice (there were two such cases identified at that time).

As part of our investigation into this matter, we first identified and documented Kent A. Vander Kamp's educational background. We then examined the various CVs Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp submitted to OSP. We then compared whether the information he provided on his CVs was consistent with the known and documented educational background we found. Because we did find material misrepresentations and apparent contradictions in Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp's CVs, we then examined if Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified falsely under oath, consistent with these misrepresentations.

We then thoroughly investigated this matter and gave Vander Kamp ample time to provide information that would alleviate our concerns. None was forthcoming.

Our Obligations and Process

In the 1963 landmark case of *Brady v. Maryland* (1963), the United States Supreme Court held that government disclosure of exculpatory and impeachment evidence is part of the constitutional guarantee to a fair trial. The U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Giglio v. United States* (1972) extended the holding in *Brady* to encompass material affecting the credibility of a state witness. This holding requires the disclosure of exculpatory and impeachment evidence when such evidence is material to guilt or punishment. Because they are Constitutional obligations, *Brady/Giglio* evidence must be disclosed regardless of whether the defendant makes a request for exculpatory or impeachment evidence. Failure to provide such evidence, if it is known or in the possession of the state, may constitute a Due Process violation.

If a prosecutor has reason to believe that a witness engaged in acts of dishonesty, the prudent prosecutor should determine if in fact such evidence does exist. This investigation focused only on a historical examination of the accuracy of then-Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp's various CVs and the truthfulness of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp's testimony in three criminal cases.

Key Findings from the Investigation

A thorough investigation was conducted by the DCDA's Office. It must be noted for the purpose of this investigation that the absence of records/transcripts is just as critical as the presence of actual educational records. Based on obtained verified transcripts and the non-existence of other educational records, the investigation documented the following timeline of Kent A. Vander Kamp's Educational Background:

1. In 1991, Kent A. Vander Kamp Received a High School Degree
Kent A. Vander Kamp graduated from Bravo Medical Magnet High School in 1991.

2. From 1991-1998 Kent A. Vander Kamp Attended Various Community Colleges.

Kent A. Vander Kamp attended the following community colleges without receiving any type of degree:

- 1991 to 1994 – Los Angeles Community College
- 1994 to 1996 Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College
- 1996 Butte College
- 1997-1998 Ohlone College
- 1998 Glendale Community College
- 1998 Allan Hancock College

3. In 1999 Kent A. Vander Kamp Received a Bachelor of Science in Business Management Degree from the University of Phoenix

Transcripts obtained from the University of Phoenix document that on September 14, 1999, Kent A. Vander Kamp was awarded a Bachelor of Sciences Degree in Business Management. These transcripts also list the credits he received from the earlier community colleges.

4. In 2009 Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp Attended Clatsop Community College.

Kent A. Vander Kamp attended this college in 2009.

5. In 2014 Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp received his Master of Business Administration Degree from Trident University International.

Kent A. Vander Kamp attended Trident University from 2012-2014 and received his Master's Degree in Business Administration on March 30, 2014.

B. Kent A. Vander Kamp Did Not Attend or Receive Degrees from the University of Southern California or the University of Arizona.

During the course of this investigation, we received information that Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp represented in past CVs that he received degrees from the University of Southern California (USC) and from the University of Arizona (UA). Our investigation established that Kent A. Vander Kamp did not attend, nor was he ever enrolled at, nor did he receive any degrees from USC or UA. To be clear, the absence of these records and transcripts as well as USC's and UA's response demonstrate that Kent A. Vander Kamp was never enrolled as a student at these universities, nor did he receive any degrees from these universities. Attached are the responses from USC and UA. Confirmation that he did not attend

the University of Arizona was received by the District Attorney's Office on November 20, 2024, after we submitted a request for information related to his past enrollment. Confirmation that he did not attend the University of Southern California was received on January 21, 2025, after we issued a subpoena for any records that could verify attendance at that university.

C. Deputy Sheriff Kent A. Vander Kamp's Past Curricula Vitae

While a Deputy Sheriff, Vander Kamp became certified as a Drug Recognition Evaluator (DRE) in which he demonstrated proficiency in conducting, evaluating, and documenting results of the drug influence evaluation process. To maintain his DRE credentials, one of the requirements was that Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp maintain his updated CV with the State of Oregon. As such, we obtained the various CVs Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp submitted to the Oregon State Police.

We then examined and compared the various CVs Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp submitted to OSP. We found there were material misrepresentations within the varying accounts of his educational background.

1. May 21, 2013, CV of Deputy Sheriff Kent A. Vander Kamp

On his May 21, 2013 CV, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP, in the list of his education he includes the following:

- 1991- Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School
Los Angeles, California
Diploma – Medical Sciences
- 1995- University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
Bachelor of Science – Business Management
- 1997- University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona
Masters (sic) of Science- Business Management

Attached is a copy of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp's 2013 CV. These institutions have provided responses stating that Kent A. Vander Kamp did not attend, was not enrolled at, nor did he receive any degrees from USC or UA

2. July 17, 2015, CV of Deputy Sheriff Kent A. Vander Kamp

On his July 17, 2015 CV, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP, he lists his education that includes the following:

- 1991- Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School at the University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
Diploma – Medical Sciences
- 1997- University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona

Bachelor of Science- Business Management
2007 – Central Oregon Community College
Bend, Oregon
State of Oregon Emergency Medical Technician (License #*****)
National Certified Emergency Medical Technician

2012- Trident International University
Cypress, California
Masters of Science – Public Administration – Cum Laude

Attached is a copy of this CV.

As stated previously, Kent A. Vander Kamp did not attend, was not enrolled at, nor did he receive a degree from the University of Arizona, per that school.

We also note the discrepancy and misrepresentation of the May 21, 2013 CV and the July 17, 2015 CV (as well as the 6/21/2017 CV). Specifically in the 2013 CV, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp represented that he received a Master's in Science from UA, yet in the 2015 CV, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp represented that he received a Bachelor of Science from UA. Our investigation has shown he did not receive any degrees from this institution and both CVs are inaccurate.

2. June 21, 2017, CV of Deputy Sheriff Kent A. Vander Kamp

On his June 21, 2017 CV, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP, he lists his education as including the following:

1997- University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona
Bachelor of Science- Business Management

Attached is his June 21, 2017 CV.

As we have documented, Kent A. Vander Kamp did not attend, was not enrolled nor did he receive a degree from the University of Arizona.

3. November 3, 2018, CV of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp

1991 -- Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet School at the University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
Diploma – Medical Sciences

1997 – University of Phoenix
Tucson, Arizona
Bachelor of Science – Business Management

2007 -- Central Oregon Community College
Bend, Oregon
State of Oregon Emergency Medical Technician (License #*****)

National Certified Emergency Medical Technician
2012 – Trident International University
Cypress, California
Masters of Science – Public Administration – Cum Laude

The November 3, 2018, CV Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP listing his educational background on the CV appears to be mostly accurate except for the date of the Bachelor's degree. Attached is a copy of this CV.

4. February 17, 2020, CV of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp

The February 17, 2020 CV Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP listing his educational background on the CV appears to be accurate, except for the date of the Bachelor's degree. Attached is a copy of the February 17, 2020 CV.

5. June 3, 2021, CV of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp

The June 3, 2021 CV Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP listing his educational background on the CV appears to be mostly accurate. Attached is a copy of this CV.

6. May 14, 2023, CV of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp

The May 14, 2023 CV listing his educational background Sheriff Vander Kamp filed with OSP appears to be mostly accurate. Attached is a copy of this CV.

D. 2024 Voter's Pamphlet (page 9-23)

On page 9-23, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp appears to accurately list his past educational background. Voter's Pamphlet Statement is attached.

Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp's Court Testimony

Having established that Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp made material misrepresentations to OSP regarding his educational background in his past CVs and that his CVs seemed to contradict each other in terms of educational background, this led to the next investigatory question: Did Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testify falsely to his educational background while a witness under oath in criminal proceedings?

We examined three criminal cases in which Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified falsely under oath as to his educational background. We list the following cases below with excerpts from his testimony.

A. State vs. Sime-Court #MI112089

On June 12-15, 2013, then Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified. He was called as a witness on June 12, 2013. Below is the relevant excerpt of his testimony for the purposes of this report:

Pages: 6-10:8-11

THE COURT: All right. So Mr. Nelson, your first witness.

MR. NELSON: Thank you, Your Honor.

The State calls Deputy Kent VanderKamp to the stand.

THE COURT: Sir, if you -- sir, you can just go step right up to the stand. Raise your right hand.

THE WITNESS: Okay.

KENT VANDERKAMP

Was thereupon called as a witness on behalf of the State, and having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

THE COURT: Raise your right hand, under penalty of perjury, swear to tell the truth, nothing but the truth, so help you God?

THE WITNESS: I do.

THE COURT: Go ahead and have a seat. Go ahead and state your full name and spell your last.

THE WITNESS: My name is Kent VanderKamp. My last name is spelled V-a-n-d-e-r-capital-K-a-m-p.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. NELSON:

Q: Deputy VanderKamp, where do you work?

A: I am a deputy sheriff for the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

Q: And how long have you worked there?

A: I've been with the Sheriff's Office now since 2002.

Q: Do you have any prior law enforcement experience prior to working with the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office?

A: No, sir. I hadn't.

Q: Can you just tell us a little bit about your training, experience, and education?

A: Yes. I started -- I started out as a paramedic and aircraft pilot for the Deschutes County Sheriff's search and rescue team. In 2004, I became a reserve deputy sheriff. I worked as a reserve deputy sheriff until October of 2008.

Q: Have you received -- can you describe your training in regards to DUI investigations?

A: Yes, sir. So, my first training began in October of 2004 when I was hired as a reserve police officer. I attended the full DUI and standardized field sobriety test school, if you will. In October of 2004, I also completed the Intoxilyzer 5000, which was an older generation of the Intoxilyzer. About two years later, October of 2006, I completed the Intoxilyzer 8000 training, which is the model that's currently in use. In December of 2006, I completed the DUI refresher program. So it's kind of a continuing education for the -- the full class. In September 2007, I was certified both by the State of Oregon and at a national level as an emergency medical technician. I currently maintain that certification. In March of 2008, I completed the ARIDE program, which is the advanced roadside impairment detection. It's kind of an intermediate DUI training, the next step up from the basic DUI training. In February of 2009, when I went to the State academy, I also completed the Intoxilyzer 8000 class in its entirety again, as part of my state certification when I was rehired as a full-time deputy. In November 2009, I completed the drugs that impair driving program, which is, kind of, an -- an add-on program to the DUI, but it specializes in drug impairment. In November 2009, I also completed the entire DUI and standardized field sobriety test program again when I was certified. In October of 2011, I was selected for the Drug Recognition Evaluator Program. So, I attended the --

MR. FLEMING: It sounds like he's talking about something that happened after the incident in this case. So I would object to that. I'm not sure what the relevance is.

MR. NELSON: This is just background information on Deputy VanderKamp as far as training and experience --

THE COURT: I'm going to overrule the objection. But you can cross him moving forward.

BY MR. NELSON:

Q: Deputy, continue.

A: Okay. So then in December of 2011, I was certified as a drug recognition expert for DUIs involving impairment of alcohol or a combination of alcohol and drugs.

Q: And can you tell us a little bit about your general background and education?

A: In 1995, I graduated the University of Southern California with a degree in business management. In 1997, I graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in — or a master's degree in business management. In 2007, I graduated with my degree in emergency medicine from COCC, here locally. And I'm currently in a PhD program for public administration. (emphasis added)

1. Investigative Findings

Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified that he graduated from USC with a degree in Business Management and a Master's Degree in Business Administration from UA. Based on the records we have received from USC and UA, this testimony is demonstrably false.

B. State v. Miller- Court # MI121144

Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified October 3-4, 2013. He was called as a witness on October 3, 2013. Below is the relevant excerpt of his testimony:

Pages 4:16-25; 5:5-3

THE CLERK: Go ahead and step forward right in front of the microphone. Do you solemnly swear the testimony you shall provide in the matter now pending shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

Kent VanderKamp

Was thereupon called as a witness on behalf of the State, and having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

THE WITNESS: I do.

THE CLERK: Please take a seat in the witness stand.

Pages 5:12-6:6

THE CLERK: If I can you state your full name and spell your last name?

THE WITNESS: It's Deputy Kent VanderKamp, V a n d e r capital K a m p.

DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. BAXTER:

Q Deputy VanderKamp, who are you currently employed with?

A The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office.

Q How long have you been employed with them?

A Since March of 2004.

Q Do you have any other law enforcement experience?

A Prior to joining the Sheriff's Office full time, I was a emergency medical technician and aircraft pilot for the Sheriff's Office search and rescue team. And in March of 2004, I was hired as a reserve deputy sheriff, where I volunteered as a deputy. And then in October of 2008, I was hired full time as a patrol deputy.

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BY MR. BAXTER:

Q I want to show you what's been marked as State's Exhibit 7 and then State's Exhibit 10. Beginning with State's Exhibit 7, do you recognize that?

A Number 7? Yes.

Q And what is that?

A This is my curriculum vita. Or my resume.

Q Is that a true and accurate depiction of your CV or resume?

A It is. Yes.

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MR. BAXTER: Your Honor, State offers State's exhibits 7 and 10.

MS. WEIKEL MAGDEN: No objection.

THE COURT: Seven and 10 are received.

(State's Exhibit Nos. 7 and 10 are received, 3:23 p.m.)

State's Exhibit 7 is Deputy Sheriff's CV of 9-26-2013. In State's Exhibit 7, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp includes in his list of educational achievements the following:

1995- University of Southern California
Los Angeles, California
Bachelor of Science – Business Management

1997 – University of Arizona
Tucson, Arizona
Master of Science – Business Management

Attached is a copy of State Exhibit 7 admitted into evidence in State v. Miller.

1. Investigative Findings

Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified that his CV was a true and accurate depiction (including his educational background). Based on his sworn testimony, State's Exhibit 7 was introduced into evidence by the prosecutor and admitted into evidence by the court. The document that Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp authenticated under oath listed that he graduated from USC with a Bachelor of Science and a Masters (sic) degree from UA with a degree in Business Management. This is incontrovertibly false based on the records we received from USC and UA. Furthermore, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp misled the prosecutor, the court and the jury by knowingly authoring and authenticating the veracity of a fraudulent document.

C. State vs. Cline- Case #14FE0433

On November 3, 2015, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp was called as a witness and he was sworn to tell the truth. The prosecutor then asked him the following questions:

Pages 4:8-25; 5:1-2

(Tuesday, November 3, 2015, 4:24 p.m.)

PROCEEDINGS

(Whereupon, the following proceedings were held in open court, in the presence of the jury:)

THE COURT: Next witness.

MR. CRUTCHLEY: Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor, I would call Detective VanderKamp to the stand.

THE CLERK: Do you solemnly swear that the testimony you shall give in the matter now pending shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help you God?

KENT VANDERKAMP

Was thereupon called as a witness on behalf of the State, and having been first duly sworn, was examined and testified as follows:

THE WITNESS: I do.

THE CLERK: Thank you. Go ahead and have a seat, and please state your full name and spell your last name for the record.

THE WITNESS: My name is Kent VanderKamp. V a n d e r K a m p.

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A I was hired full time as a deputy sheriff in March 2004, I was hired full time, and then attended the Oregon Police Academy in Salem; the basic academy.

Pages 13: 5-25; 14: 1-9

MR. CRUTCHLEY: Your Honor, if I may approach?

THE COURT: You may.

MR. CRUTCHLEY: I've got Exhibit 2 and 3, that I have also already provided Counsel.

BY MR. CRUTCHLEY:

Q Detective, I'm handing you one previously identified as Exhibit 2. Do you recognize that?

A Yes, sir. This is my professional resume.

Q All right. And if I were to -- is it an accurate representation or reflection of what your resume is?

A Yes, sir.

Q You you prepared that?

A Yes, sir.

Q And if I were to go through that line by line with you and ask you about everything that's there, would you represent to me that that is accurate?

A Yes, sir.

Q All right. And you would be able to tell me about it?

A Yes, sir.

Q All right.

MR. CRUTCHLEY: Your Honor, I would offer Exhibit 2.

MR. WIRTZ: No objection.

THE COURT: Exhibit 2 is received.

(State's Exhibit No. 2 is received, 4:36 p.m.)

State's Exhibit 2 was authenticated by Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp, was offered into evidence by the prosecutor and admitted into evidence by the court. State's Exhibit 2, namely the 2015 CV of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp lists his education as follows:

1991 – Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet High School at the University of Southern California – Los Angeles, California – Diploma Medical Sciences

1997 – University of Arizona – Tucson, Arizona - Bachelor of Science – Business Management (emphasis added)

2007 – Central Oregon Community College – Bend, Oregon – State of Oregon Emergency Medical Technician (License #132102) National Certified Emergency Medical Technician.

2012 – Trident International University – Cypress, California – Masters of Science – Public Administration Magna Cum Laude

1. Investigative Findings

Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp testified that his CV marked as State Exhibit 2 was an accurate (“line-by-line”) representation or reflection of his resume which he admittedly prepared.

Based on his sworn testimony, State’s Exhibit 2 was introduced into evidence by the prosecutor and admitted into evidence by the court. The document that Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp authenticated under oath stated that he graduated from UA with a degree in Business Management. This is clearly untrue based on the records we received from UA. Furthermore, Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp misled the prosecutor, the court and the jury by knowingly authenticating a fraudulent document.

Attached to this report is State’s Exhibit 2 (CV of Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp from the Cline criminal case).

After a comprehensive investigation by our office, it was determined that Sheriff Vander Kamp failed to adhere to ethical and legal standards required of law enforcement officers. On Monday, April 7, 2025, Sheriff Vander Kamp was officially placed on the Deschutes County District Attorney Office’s Brady list. A “Brady list” or “Brady index” as a list of law enforcement officers that a prosecutor’s office will not call as witnesses in criminal proceedings due to concerns about those officers’ credibility. A Brady list is a mechanism by which prosecutors alert each other to an officer’s credibility problems for future criminal cases and must be disclosed as potential impeachment evidence under the US Supreme Court decisions in *Brady v. Maryland* (1963) and *Giglio v. United States* (1972).

Sheriff Vander Kamp, while serving as an expert witness in DUII prosecutions, testified falsely about his educational background, including while under oath. This misrepresentation directly compromised his reliability as an expert in multiple cases.

In Oregon trials, jurors are instructed by the court to evaluate expert testimony, as follows:

Oregon Jury Instruction on Expert Opinion Evidence:

“To determine the value, if any, you will give to an expert’s opinion, you should consider such things as the expert’s qualifications, the expert’s opportunity and ability to form the opinion, the expert’s believability, and how the expert reached the opinion or conclusion.”

If there is a reason to believe that any witness has lied during their testimony, they are instructed as follows:

Oregon Jury Instruction on Witness Credibility – False in Part:

“If you find that a witness has intentionally lied in part of his or her testimony, you may, but are not required to, distrust other portions of that witness’s testimony.”

Upholding Credibility in the Justice System

It is our legal and ethical obligation to investigate allegations of dishonesty and to disclose the results of our investigations. These investigations need to be thorough so that we do not come to a faulty, wrong, or improper conclusion. This investigation was as thorough as we can think about making it. After reviewing all available evidence, it became indisputably clear that when he testified as an expert witness, then Deputy Sheriff Vander Kamp provided false testimony and submitted contradictory and false records related to his education and background between approximately 2013 and 2018.

If we were in error in that belief, we gave the Sheriff ample opportunity to provide evidence that we were wrong. As the District Attorney let his counsel know, the only such evidence would be diplomas from the University of Southern California and the University of Arizona. Those have not been forthcoming.

As a result, the Deschutes County District Attorney's duty is to place Sheriff Vander Kamp on the Brady list. The Brady list is a way to ensure fairness in the criminal justice process and creates a legal duty for prosecutors to notify the defense bar to fulfil their *Brady/Giglio* obligations. We also have a duty to try to undo the harm caused by a witness who has lied. In this circumstance, these principles simply mean that we cannot call Kent Vander Kamp as a witness, and that we need to do all we can to fix any harm caused by his false testimony.

Commitment to Integrity and Public Trust

We recognize the seriousness of placing any officer on the Brady list. This decision was made after a careful, deliberate review of the facts, and in accordance with our commitment to uphold the integrity of the criminal justice system. This decision does not reflect on other members of law enforcement or employees of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office who work hard every day to serve the public with honor and integrity.