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Hon. Maggie Fleming, District Attorney
County of Humboldt
Humboldt County Courthouse
825 5th Street, 4th Floor
Eureka, CA 95501

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY

RE: *Closed file; Public Administrator Referral*

Dear Ms. Fleming:

Our office has completed an exhaustive review of the public administrator's handling of estate property in Humboldt county, a matter of concern which was referred to us by your office. Based on our review, we have closed our file and will not pursue criminal charges in the matter. We recognize the high level of trust placed in the public administrator and note that the Sheriff-Coroner, which now oversees that function, has taken significant steps to increase controls and accountability in fulfilling its duties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "James Root".

JAMES ROOT
Senior Assistant Attorney General

For **XAVIER BECERRA**
Attorney General

cc: Sheriff William F. Honsal