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Sheriff Don Sowell  
Grimes County Sheriff's Office  
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Via facsimile  
(936) 873-2010

Re: *State of Texas v. Leslie Wayne Shipman*; Cause No. 17,948; District  
Court of Grimes County

Sheriff Gage:

As you know, officers from your department and the Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force seized 54 vehicles during a raid on June 27, 2015. I represent Les Shipman, one of the defendants, and I write on his behalf to demand the return of those vehicles.

The vehicles were not stolen, and they are not evidence of any crime, therefore they never should have been seized. Even the October 29, 2015 indictment of Mr. Shipman makes no reference to the seized vehicles. Instead, it alleges that Mr. Shipman altered a title certificate, but that title certificate is unrelated to any of the seized vehicles.

If you contend that there is some lawful basis for retaining the property seized from Mr. Shipman, please let me know within ten days of receipt of this letter. If I do not receive a response within that time, we will proceed with plans to sue the county for federal civil rights violations.

I have enclosed a copy of a November 24, 2015 letter to Montgomery County Sheriff Tommy Gage regarding the June 27, 2015 incident. Sheriff Gage has not indicated any willingness to investigate. Since most of the incidents occurred in Grimes County, I request that you investigate whether any crimes were committed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Ty Clevenger

cc: The Hon. Jon C. Fultz, Grimes County Attorney