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Coles County State's Attorney Jesse Danley	Sgt. M. Barber #6249	DCI/SIU	MKB	9/14/2020

## Purpose:

Interview of State's Attorney Jesse Danley

The purpose of this report is to document the interview of Coles County State's Attorney Jesse Danley. Danley was interviewed pursuant to an allegation of Bribery, Official Misconduct, amongst other allegations where it was alleged former Cole's County Assistant State's Attorney Brady Allen had used his position of trust to entice females to provide sexually explicit photos in exchange for lesser sentences. The interview occurred on September 10, 2020, at the Coles County State's Attorney's Office located at 651 Jackson Avenue in Charleston. The interview was conducted by Illinois State Police (ISP) Special Investigations Unit (SIU) Special Agent Denis Janis #4709 and I, Sergeant Matthew Barber #6249. Danley consented to answer questions and provided us with the following information:

- Danley had been appointed as Coles County State's Attorney sometime in December 2019 when the office became vacant.
- Danley learned of allegations against Allen and requested Mattoon Police Department conduct an interview of Brianna Lee, who was alleged to have been a victim of Allen's.
- Danley stated he did this because there had been allegations made by attorney Todd Reardon (running for State's Attorney against Danley) that were false, and he believed he needed to know how far the allegations went in order to proceed properly.
- Danley had watched the interview of Lee as it occurred and afterwards began to move all cases with known or alleged victims to be prosecuted by The Appellate Prosecutor because he believed his office to be conflicted due to Allen's conduct.
- Danley stated he had no first-hand knowledge of anything Allen had done, he was appalled at the actions of Allen, and that as soon as he learned the allegations had merit, he terminated Allen's employment and referred the case to the ISP.
- Danley further stated that he was frustrated that Reardon had known of the allegations several months prior to letting anyone know about them.
- Reardon had allowed the victims, one being a client of Reardon, to continue conversing with Allen and that he allowed the judicial process to continue to be tainted for what was only to the benefit of Reardon politically.
- Danley stated that damage had been done to cases due to Reardon's decision to allow this misconduct to

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continue when he should have notified the State's Attorney's Office or law enforcement immediately upon learning about Allen's misconduct.

- Danley stated a willingness to prosecute Allen; however, due to the depths of the misconduct he would have to do further research to see if he was conflicted or not.

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