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To whom it may concern,

This report is being submitted to the Board of Supervisors to request oversight, accountability, and review of county employee conduct and departmental protocol failures. Additionally, to formally report serious misconduct involving two government entities operating within Kern County. Due to the nature of the violations and uncertainty regarding jurisdiction, I am addressing this report to all relevant county offices to ensure it reaches the appropriate authority for review and investigation.

Entities Being Reported

Kern County Public Works Department
Public Works Officer John Lewis Badge/ID #110
Kern County Sheriff's Department
(Name unknown of Deputy present)

Incident Description

During the abatement conducted at my property, I, Melssa Cazares, was sexually harassed by Public Works Officer John Lewis. He failed to follow required protocol. He and a Kern County Sheriff's Deputy lied and stated that we had no choice but to go inside our home with all of our animals or we would be arrested and taken to jail. They told us it was illegal for us to be on our own property while they conducted the abatement. This statement was false, coercive, and used to intimidate us. As a result, we were forced inside our home for approximately six hours, unable to leave, unable to observe, and unable to protect our property. During this time, we were effectively held captive in our own residence. For six hours, we were forced to sit and listen as everything we own — including our vehicles, personal belongings, and memorabilia — taken and thrown into dump trucks. We were not allowed to intervene, document, or even step outside. This conduct was abusive, intimidating, and violated multiple civil rights protections.

Potential Federal & California Legal Violations:

Federal Civil Rights Violations 42 U.S.C. § 1983
Deprivation of rights under color of law 42 U.S.C. § 1985
Conspiracy to interfere with civil rights
Fourth Amendment Unreasonable seizure, coercion, forced confinement
Fourteenth Amendment Due process violations

Title VII (Sexual Harassment)

Sexual harassment by a government employee California State Violations California Civil Code § 52.1 (Bane Act)

Threats, intimidation, coercion California Civil Code § 51.7

Ralph Act Protection from intimidation California Penal Code § 236

False imprisonment California Penal Code § 518-524

Extortion / coercion under threat of arrest California Government Code § 12940

Sexual harassment by a public employee California Constitution, Article I, Section 1

Right to liberty, safety, privacy California Constitution, Article I, Section 13 Protection from unreasonable seizure California Penal Code § 147

Officer misconduct California Penal Code § 118.1

False statements by a peace officer

Request for Action

I respectfully request:

A full investigation into the conduct of Public Works Officer John Lewis (#110)

Identification and investigation of the involved Sheriff's Deputy

Review of all body-camera footage

Abatement documentation

Communication logs

Confirmation of jurisdiction

Written acknowledgment of this report and notification of next steps

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely



Melissa Cazares

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Marina Gonzalez



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County Counsel, CAO, Public Works Sheriff

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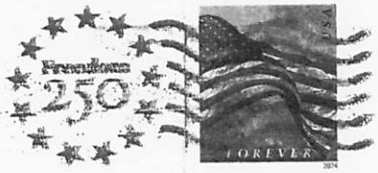
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