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INFORMATION BULLETIN

We take domestic violence very seriously as prosecutors. I have personally spent much of my career prosecuting this pernicious crime. It is nearly impossible to overestimate the havoc it wreaks on families here in our valley as well as throughout our state and nation.

In the case regarding Andrew Alvarado, Central Unified School District Superintendent, we received a very complete investigation from the Fresno Police Department. Upon receipt, we went through the same painstaking process we do in every case; we evaluate every shred of evidence and determine exactly what we can prove to twelve jurors unanimously beyond a reasonable doubt.

The standard for prosecutors to bring charges is a higher standard than the standard required to arrest and the highest standard in our legal system.

After thoroughly examining the evidence, we have concluded that we will not be able to prove charges beyond a reasonable doubt, so we will not be filing charges in this case.

While these events took place in Fresno County and jurisdiction would normally be there; we agreed to handle the case to avoid any real or apparent conflicts of interest with District Attorney Smittcamp or with her office.

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