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**Announcement from District Attorney Gregory D. Totten**

Today, the District Attorney's Office learned that Craig Anderson, a District Attorney employee, was cited this afternoon by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office for misdemeanor vandalism related to his removal of a "Black Lives Matter" sign on May 31, 2020, while off duty in Westlake Village.

Mr. Anderson has worked as a non-sworn investigative assistant with the District Attorney's office for approximately four months. In accordance with District Attorney policy, the misdemeanor vandalism citation will be referred to the Attorney General's Office for all purposes due to Mr. Anderson's employment status.

Mr. Anderson has resigned his employment with the District Attorney's office.

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