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***Additional Perjury Charge Filed Against Defendant Kathleen Kane After
Montgomery County District Attorney Recovers Original "Secrecy Oath" Signed
by Kane For All Prior Grand Juries on her Second Day in Office***

[Criminal Complaint - Kane 10-1-2015.pdf](#)



Montgomery County District Attorney Risa Vetri Ferman announces the filing of Perjury and other related criminal charges against Defendant, Kathleen G. Kane, Pennsylvania Attorney General. These new charges stem from newly discovered evidence proving that Kane lied in sworn testimony before the Thirty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury when she repeatedly claimed that she was never sworn to secrecy for Investigating Grand Jury #29.

Previously, on August 6, 2015, the District Attorney charged Defendant Kane with Obstructing Administration of Law or Other Governmental Function, Abuse of Office/Official Oppression, Criminal Conspiracy, Perjury, and False Swearing. These original charges stemmed from an investigation that revealed that Kane personally orchestrated the illegal disclosure of confidential investigative information and secret Grand Jury information to the media and subsequently engaged in criminal acts designed to conceal and cover-up her crimes.

Following the original arrest of Kane, detectives obtained new information indicating that Kane made additional false statements when she was compelled to appear and give sworn testimony before the Thirty-Fifth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury on November 17, 2014. During her sworn testimony, Kane repeatedly claimed that she had never signed a secrecy oath for the Twenty-Ninth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury which was the Grand Jury that conducted the investigation of former NAACP head J. Whyatt Mondesire. Kane testified that, because she had not signed the secrecy oath, she could not be held criminally culpable for leaking secret Grand Jury information from the Twenty-Ninth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury to the press.

On September 17, 2015, Montgomery County detectives executed a sealed search warrant upon the Office of the Attorney General. Pursuant to the search warrant, detectives seized evidence from the Office of Attorney General. Among the items seized was the "Secrecy Oath" signed by Defendant Kane on her second day in office, swearing her to secrecy for Statewide Investigating Grand Jury Numbers One through Thirty-Two. This "Secrecy Oath" compelled Defendant Kane to maintain the secrecy of all matters occurring before the Twenty-Ninth Statewide Investigating Grand Jury and every other past Grand Jury of the Office of Attorney General. In addition, Montgomery County detectives recovered notary records from the Attorney General's Office proving that Defendant Kane signed this "Secrecy Oath," along with similar secrecy oaths for all then-current investigating Grand Juries, on January 17, 2013.

Detectives from the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office filed a criminal complaint before Magisterial District Judge Cathleen Kelly Rebar this morning.

Approved for release:

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