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The Honorable David N. Grimes, Commonwealth's Attorney
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**RE: Commonwealth of Virginia v. Orlando Pelzer and Laron Pelzer
Extradition**

Dear Mr. Grimes

Your request for extradition of the above subjects has been received. An extradition hearing was held by our Attorney General's Office on the request. Both subjects attended the hearing along with their mother, Ms. Sally Pelzer. We were advised that they had legal representation in Virginia and they would contact them to what would need to do in Virginia. They requested the opportunity to return to Virginia to resolve this matter without the necessity of a Governor's warrant being issued by this office.

There was confusion as to the original charges being dismissed and then reinstated. Our Attorney General's Office received notification from your office on December 12, 2003, that the original charges had been nolle prossed on March 25, 2003, but they were re-indicted on August 18, 2003.

On January 8, 2004, I spoke with Ms. Pelzer who advised that she would have both of her sons in Virginia the next week to resolve this matter. On January 16, 2004, our Attorney general's Office received a fax from the law office of Gregory T. Casker, Attorney at Law, 9 Payne Street, Chatham, Virginia, Tel. No. 434-432-4302, that stated "This is to confirm that both gentlemen (Orlando and Laron Pelzer as well as their mother) are in Mr. Casker's office this date @ 1:28 p.m. and attempted to see Mr. Grimes, Mr. Casker, and Mr. Davey, none of whom are working today and probably not Monday (1-16-04) due to a long holiday.

In view of their cooperation to this point, if they are given the opportunity to turn themselves into the proper authorities in Virginia to resolve this matter, I feel certain they would.

Your cooperation and consideration in this matter is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Robert E. Merritt
Extradition Coordinator

Enclosures

cc's: Solicitor Ariail
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