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## **N e w s      R e l e a s e**

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On the afternoon of Friday September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013, The St. Charles Parish Sheriff's Office through our Public Information Division began to receive media inquiries as to threats made to Judge Michele Morel and one of her family members. We then learned that the threats were outlined by the Judge in a recusal order filed that same day. Immediately that same day, supervisors with our Criminal Investigations Bureau attempted to contact the judge to begin an investigation into the threats.

This morning, Monday September 30, 2013, a staff member with Judge Morel's office called on behalf of Judge Morel and advised "Judge Morel appreciates our concern, but there was nothing the Sheriff's Office could do."

We are prepared to vigorously investigate these reported threats and are hopeful that Judge Morel will provide information necessary to initiate an investigation. We take very serious any threats made to members of the judiciary.