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**Subject:** Informing Orleans County Voters with EVIDENCE: public corruption/grand jury  
complaint vs Orleans County's 3 re-election-seeking state legislators, which re-election-  
seeking Orleans County D.A. Cardone is "sitting on"  
**Attachments:** orleans-6-24-20-complaint-cardone.pdf; orleans-signature.pdf; orleans-7-24-20-da-  
foil.pdf

**TO:** The Daily News – Mallory Diefenbach/Orleans County staff reporter

Orleans County's three state legislators – Senator Ortt, Assemblyman Norris, and Assemblyman Hawley -- all seeking re-election – are the subjects of a **fully-documented** public corruption/grand jury complaint, filed with Orleans County District Attorney Cardone, also seeking re-election, who has been "sitting on" it. Among other things, the complaint involves the "force of law" commission/committee scheme that gave all four of them pay raises.

The June 24, 2020 complaint, by the Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA), is above-attached – and below are the e-mails transmitting it and the above-attached July 24, 2020 FOIL request to D.A. Cardone. CJA's substantiating evidentiary webpage for the complaint is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As stated by the complaint, Orleans County voters are entitled to know that their state legislators are unfit for re-election because they must be indicted for larceny and other corruption on EVIDENCE so DISPOSITIVE as to assure convictions.

To enable Orleans County voters to assess, for themselves, the open-and-shut, *prima facie* EVIDENCE that D.A. Cardone has been withholding from an Orleans County grand jury to maintain his own fraudulently-boosted salary, paid by Orleans County taxpayers, please accompany your story with links to the complaint and the evidentiary webpage.

As you will doubtless call the complained-against three Orleans County state legislators and D.A. Cardone for comment about the complaint, I am cc'ing them on this e-mail so that they can be prepared. What, if anything, do they deny or dispute. Let them start where the complaint starts: my July 16, 2019 e-mail to the Legislature's 15 stipend-receiving leaders requesting that they forward it to the 198 other legislators, with its attached July 15, 2019 written NOTICE and substantiating analysis that the December 10, 2018 Report of the Committee on Legislative and Executive Compensation – raising their legislative salaries from \$79,500 to \$110,000 – was "a **fraud** on the People of the State of New York – and a **larceny** of their tax dollars', violating a succession of penal laws, and that their duty was to void it, to return the pay-raise monies they had already received, and to initiate criminal prosecutions of the Committee's four members and abetting attorneys." The analysis is 46 pages, excluding exhibits. Will the three legislators – including a lawyer – furnish you with findings of fact and conclusions of law?

I am available to answer your questions and assist you, to the max -- on a story not only upending Orleans County's legislative and D.A. races, but, additionally, ALL New York's other state legislative races and its 14 other D.A. races – and **that's for starters**.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
**Sent:** Friday, July 24, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** 'da@orleansny.com' <[da@orleansny.com](mailto:da@orleansny.com)>  
**Subject:** Reasonable questions arising from your nonfeasance with respect to the June 24, 2020 corruption complaint in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Orleans County state legislators...

**TO: Orleans County District Attorney Joseph Cardone**

I have received no acknowledgment or other response to my June 24, 2020 public corruption/grand jury complaint against Orleans County state legislators, which I sent you by the below e-mail, with a direct link to the substantiating evidentiary webpage: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

As the complaint presents evidence so *prima facie* and open-and-shut as to leave no doubt that a grand jury would speedily indict – and a trial jury speedily convict – the complained-against Orleans County state legislators and their accomplices, your nonfeasance raises reasonable questions as to your performance with respect to *other* public corruption complaints filed by *other* members of the public. To help answer these questions, I have today filed a FOIL/information request with Orleans County Records Access Officer & Legislative Clerk Nadine Hanlon. A copy is attached.

Thank you.

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**From:** Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) <[elena@judgewatch.org](mailto:elena@judgewatch.org)>  
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**Subject: CORRUPTION COMPLAINT in support of grand jury inquiry, pursuant to Article I, §6 of the NYS Constitution, of Orleans County state legislators for "wilful misconduct in office", including larceny & fraud...**

**TO: Orleans County District Attorney Joseph Cardone**

Attached is my above-entitled corruption/grand jury complaint of today's date addressed to you – with a separate scanned signature page. The link for CJA's "Grand Juries" webpage for the complaint, hyperlinking, linking, and posting all referred-to evidence, is here: <http://www.judgewatch.org/web-pages/searching-nys/2020-legislative/grand-juries.htm>.

Should you require an original signed complaint, please notify me – and I will send it, immediately.

Thank you.

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