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Dear Defense Counsel,

This notice is provided pursuant to the State's discovery obligation under V.R.Cr.P. 16, *Brady v. Maryland*, 363 U.S. 83 (1963), and *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150 (1972).

The Windsor County State's Attorney's Office has received information indicating that Ludlow Police Officer Richard Olmsted attempted to destroy evidence related to a criminal case. We believe this information to be true and are disclosing it immediately, though a full investigation into the matter has not yet been completed. In summary, Officer Olmsted deleted footage from his body camera because that footage showed him failing to detain, screen, and arrest an impaired driver whom he had stopped for a traffic violation. That driver, after being released with a traffic ticket, crashed his vehicle and was arrested by another police agency for DUI. When confronted, Officer Olmsted denied having deleted the body camera footage. Given the facts currently available, we have determined – at minimum – that a preponderance of the evidence indicates Olmsted deleted the footage and was untruthful about having done so. This is an “attempted” destruction of evidence because, unbeknownst to Officer Olmsted, the footage had been copied to another location before he deleted it.

We are disclosing this information to you such that you may analyze its impact on your specific case. Please do not hesitate to contact us at (802)-295-8870 if you have any questions, concerns, or wish to discuss this matter further.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Cahill". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops.

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