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Chief Rick Hebert Winooski Police Department 27 West Allen Street, Suite 1 Winooski, Vermont 05404

Chief Hebert,

As you know, Christopher Matott has recently had a temporary restraining order served upon him, has been arraigned for the charge of Aggravated Domestic Assault in Chittenden County, and has been arraigned on a six count information in Grand Isle County to include several Domestic Assault charges, Criminal Threatening, and felony Unlawful Restraint. He has plead Not Guilty to all charges and is presumed innocent.

However, I have reviewed the recordings that the complainant produced as part of her allegation and they clearly demonstrate Mr. Matott screaming at her, berating her, using profoundly derogatory language towards her, and threatening to harm her. Mr. Mattot is also heard using the N word four times when referring to the complainant's ex-boyfriend and again when stating that he is not her slave. Regardless of the outcome of his criminal charges, the content of these recordings is both alarming and appalling, and seriously undermines the State's ability to rely on his testimony. Therefore, I am unwilling to call him as a witness on behalf of the State and will not accept any criminal cases from him going forward.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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