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Dear Counsel:

In January 2022, Corporal Jonathan Marcoux, of Shelburne Police Department, was involved in an incident which led to a complaint of excessive force. He was subsequently the subject of an internal affairs investigation by the Shelburne Police Department (ongoing) and a formal investigation by the Vermont State Police (concluded). The Shelburne Police Department has also notified the Criminal Justice Council of this use of force incident.

In reviewing the Administrative Review Report (22-002), and the Vermont State Police Review (22B4000637), I concluded that Corporal Marcoux did use excessive force, and found that there was probable cause to believe Corporal Marcoux committed simple assault. I requested the Vermont State Police to issue him a citation based on their investigation, but they declined to do so given their belief that probable cause for simple assault did not exist.

There is no evidence to suggest that Corporal Marcoux' reports filed in your client's cases are not accurate, and therefore we will continue to use him as a witness and would accept future cases from him. This information is disclosed consistent with the State's Constitutional and ethical requirements, including V.R.Cr.P. 16(a)(2)(G) and (b)(2) to ensure awareness of this matter for purposes of discovery planning and disposition of cases where Corporal Marcoux is a listed witness for the State.

Thank you.

Best,

Sarah F. George

CC: Assigned Counsel in Open Cases

Chief Michael Thomas, Shelburne Police Department