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STATE OF VERMONT OFFICE OF THE LAMOILLE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

In Re: Officer Ben Cavaretta, Stowe Police Department

Dear Counsel,

It has come to the attention of the Lamoille County State's Attorney Office that Officer Ben Cavaretta of the Stowe Police Department, and formerly of the Berlin Police Department and Hardwick Police Department, has been untruthful. Following an internal investigation conducted by the Chief of the Stowe Police Department, it was determined that Officer Cavaretta was untruthful in reporting of the events related to a traffic stop on December 5, 2022.

My office is not aware of other allegations of untruthfulness or that reports filed by Officer Cavaretta are not accurate. 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 and disposition of pending cases where Officer Cavaretta was the investigating officer or assisting as a Drug Recognition Expert.

I have determined that the allegation bears sufficient credibility to provide this notice, consistent with Brady v. Maryland and Giglio v. United States. Following the completion of the internal investigation at Stowe Police Department, Officer Cavaretta's employment with the department was terminated.

Respectfully

Todd A. Shove

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