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TO: Chief Rafael Medina, III

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SUBJECT: 2024 Internal Affairs Complaint Summary (CALEA 26.2.5)

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The following is a review and statistical breakdown of Internal Affairs Complaints investigated by the Wethersfield Police Department in 2024.

Internal Affairs Case 2024-001 (Internal Complaint)

On January 30, 2024, The City of Jacksonville, North Carolina received multiple hostile, harassment calls from a telephone line originating in the WPD Records Unit. The complaint was investigated by Lieutenant Buyak and the complaint was unfounded.

Internal Affairs Case 2024-002 (Internal Complaint)

On March 4, 2024, a Patrol Officer failed to detain a motor vehicle operator who had an active, confirmed arrest warrant from the Branford, CT Police Department. Person was released and told to turn himself in to Branford PD. Decision was made without supervisory consultation. The complaint was investigated by Lieutenant Holton who sustained the complaint. As a result, the supervisor was issued a six days suspension without pay, held in abeyance for six months with remedial training. The officer was issued a letter of reprimand with remedial training.

Internal Affairs Case 2024-003 (Citizen Complaint)

Email complaint associated with April 25, 2023 incident and subsequent arrest warrant which was served on May 11, 2023. Complainant was claiming false arrest. The complaint was investigated by Lieutenant Holton, which was exonerated.

Internal Affairs Case 2024-004 (Internal Complaint)

On March 20, 2024, during an administrative interview, a sworn officer was alleged to have made a false statement. Lieutenant Buyak investigated the incident, which was sustained without discipline.

Internal Affairs Case 2024-005 (Internal Complaint)

A Sergeant was abusing time spent at his residence while on-duty from January, 2020 – November, 2020. Lieutenant Baich investigated this incident, which was sustained. The employee was terminated in 2023.