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**Confidential Investigation
Town of Mansfield, Massachusetts
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I. Background Information

On July 21, 2022, Matthews & Matthews, LLC was contacted by Mansfield Town Manager, Mr. Kevin Dumas, who requested that Matthews & Matthews conduct a confidential investigation regarding an incident which allegedly occurred at the home of Chief Ronald Sellon, located at 154 Stearns Avenue Mansfield, MA on May 10, 2022 at approximately 9:25 PM.

Matthews & Matthews has previously conducted investigations regarding allegations of unbecoming conduct and profanity laced outbursts involving Chief Ronald Sellon at the request of Mr. Kevin Dumas.

In this most recent request, Mr. Dumas provided Matthews & Matthews' investigators with a video attachment and a two (2) page Mansfield Police Department report authored by Detective Sergeant Donald Maclean on June 8, 2022. A copy of Detective Sergeant Maclean's report is included in this report. (Attachment A – Mansfield Police Report dated June 8, 2022)

Detective Sergeant Maclean's report details his investigation of alleged verbal threats made by current Mansfield Police Chief Ronald Sellon on May 10, 2022 against Mr. Michael Trowbridge, the current Mansfield Select Board Chairman, his family, and Town Manager Mr. Kevin Dumas. Detective Sergeant MacLean stated in his report he received a copy of an audio and video recording from a Nest home surveillance camera from [REDACTED], who resides at [REDACTED], Mansfield, MA. Detective Sergeant Maclean stated in his report that [REDACTED] lives [REDACTED].

Matthews & Matthews' investigators viewed the video which shows the outside front area of [REDACTED] home. The street (Stearns Ave.) is also visible, as is Chief Sellon's home across the street. The video (which has no date or time stamp) shows a light-colored SUV style motor vehicle arrive at Chief Sellon's home in the evening hours and pull into the garage bay. The Nest audio captures several loud bangs followed by a male subject yelling from outside the home. In his interview with Detective Sergeant Maclean, [REDACTED] identified the person yelling on the recording as [REDACTED], Chief Ronald Sellon.

A transcript of the audio recording was provided to Matthews & Matthews' investigators. A copy of the transcription is included in this report. (Attachment B – Transcript of Audio Recording of Nest Surveillance Camera, May 10, 2022)

Detective Sergeant Maclean's investigation focused on an alleged threat made by Chief Sellon during his outburst on May 10, 2022. Deputy Chief Michael Ellsworth was initially informed by Mr. Michael Trowbridge the individual in the video recording had yelled, "Fuck Kevin Dumas and Fuck Mike Trowbridge, that pile of fucking shit, I'm going to hunt them and their children". After reviewing the recording more closely, Detective Sergeant Maclean concluded in his investigation Chief Sellon said, "I'm going to haunt them and their children."

Matthews & Matthews' investigators were advised by Mr. Dumas the surveillance video and audio recording were presented to the Bristol County District Attorney's office for any potential criminal charges. Mr. Dumas stated the Bristol County District Attorney's office declined to seek criminal charges in this matter.

II. Findings and Conclusions

Based upon the preponderance of the evidence presented to Matthews & Matthews' investigators, including review of the audio and video recording obtained from [REDACTED] and the investigative police report authored by Detective Sergeant Maclean, and his (Maclean's) identification of Chief Sellon as the individual overheard on the audio recording, the following findings and conclusions are presented for your consideration.

Matthews & Matthews' investigators conclude, based upon the preponderance of the evidence, Chief Ronald Sellon arrived at his home in the evening hours of May 10, 2022. Chief Sellon was captured on the Nest home audio and video recording of [REDACTED]. The video depicts Chief Sellon yelling and screaming profanities at [REDACTED] and making several profanity laced, derogatory utterances referencing Mr. Dumas, Mr. Trowbridge, and the Town of Mansfield from outside his home, as well as what sounds to be Chief Sellon banging or striking an unknown object several times.

It is the conclusion of Matthews & Matthews' investigators that Chief Ronald Sellon's actions and behaviors on May 10, 2022 constitute a violation of the Mansfield Police Department's Rules and Regulations - Standards of Conduct - Rule # 7: Performance of Duty, Section (5) *Conduct Unbecoming an Officer*, and Standards of Conduct / Prohibited Conduct:

5.1 Conduct Unbecoming: *The commission of any specific act or acts of immoral, improper, disorderly, or intemperate personal conduct which reflects discredit upon the officer himself, upon his fellow officers or upon the Police Department.*