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Mr. Howard Kunik
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IN RE: REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS

Dear Mr. Kunik:

Enclosed please find a copy of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) case file, number FM-01-0027, which contains their investigation into the shooting incident which occurred at the Punta Gorda Police Department on August 9, 2016. This report and information is being provided at your request with the understanding that you will utilize it for the purpose of your administrative/internal review and investigation regarding the above referenced shooting incident in general and as it may pertain to Punta Gorda Police Chief Tom Lewis and Punta Gorda Police Officer Lee Coel.

Please note that this report is provided to you pursuant to Florida Statute §119.071(2)(h)2. At present, the entire content of this report contains active criminal investigative information which retains its exempt status pursuant, specifically, to F.S. §119.071(2)(c)1. Until such time that the State of Florida is obligated to disclose the contents of this report to the attorneys representing Mr. Lewis and Mr. Coel upon demand, its content is exempt from disclosure to the public. However, once the report and other information relevant to the charged offenses and which are retained by the State Attorney's Office (SAO) are disclosed to the defense pursuant to Fla. R. Crim. P. 3.220, information in our possession is subject to public disclosure pursuant to F.S. §119 upon request.

Upon completion of your internal review/investigation, I would request a copy of your findings. This should NOT include a copy of any statements made by Chief Lewis or Officer Coel.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen B. Russell".

Stephen B. Russell
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