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Dear Messrs. Spring and Cazeau:

Thank you both for speaking to me this morning about a preliminary inquiry by our office involving Commander Emile Hollant of the North Miami Police Department.

As you know, in July 2016, Officer Jonathan Aledda discharged his firearm while acting in his official capacity as a North Miami Police Officer. A civilian was struck and injured by gun fire in as a result of that discharge and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement was requested to conduct the police investigation into the use of deadly force by Officer Aledda. The FDLE provided investigative reports to this office and I believe to the employing agency, the North Miami Police Department, in December 2016.

Earlier this year, as part of the investigation, additional statements of police witnesses in the Aledda investigation were taken by Assistant State Attorneys. That investigation is pending and we are hopeful that it will be concluded soon. You have been gracious and professional in making yourselves and your police investigators available to consult with the elected State Attorney, other members of her senior staff, and me as part of this process. I am certain that the State Attorney will contact you directly as our investigation concludes soon.

Again, as a corollary inquiry to the Aledda shooting investigation, we reviewed an allegation that was made against Commander Hollant. Specifically, it was alleged that Commander Hollant advised North Miami Police investigators and command staff officers that he was not a witness to Officer Aledda's use of deadly force; others had initially concluded that he was. As part of that inquiry, statements were taken from Commander Hollant and Chief of Police Gary Eugene. I had previously spoken to you months ago about Chief Eugene's statement. We concluded that no criminal charges were merited and that there was no intent by Commander Hollant to mislead or obstruct investigators in the police use of deadly force investigation.

After Hollant inquiry was closed, as a courtesy to the North Miami Police investigators, we considered the additional police officer interviews taken by the prosecutors in the Aledda police shooting investigation. No changes to the close-out memorandum in the Hollant inquiry were made as a result of the additional police interviews and that inquiry remained closed.

Over the last several days, public records in the Hollant inquiry were requested by counsel for Mr. Hollant and certain media outlets. Since that matter has been closed, we felt legally obligated to release the interview transcripts of Chief Eugene's interview. One of my colleagues, Mr. Rosen, made a telephone call to a police supervisor to discuss the above but through no fault of either the Assistant or the police supervisor, they were unable to speak.

We maintain our position that as regards the statements and other investigative materials contained in the Aledda investigation, that those should not be publicly disseminated until the investigation formally closes.

I apologize for the lateness of this message, but it has and continues to be a long day. Again, thank you both for speaking to me and Mr. Cazeau, I will call to speak to you soon and I am certain that we will have a good talk. I hope that you are both well.

Regards,



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