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STATEMENT OF BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF STEVE LAWSON REGARDING A SEXUAL HARASSMENT ALLEGATION

CLEVELAND, TN. (May 09, 2022) — In response to the request for a statement concerning a sexual harassment allegation made against a former Captain of the Bradley County Sheriff's Office, I can say that we followed our policy and protocol. When we received the complaint, an internal investigation was ordered immediately. Several weeks later the findings of that investigation were reported to me. However, prior to me making any disciplinary decisions regarding the matter the employee resigned from the Sheriff's Office.

Additionally, I made District Attorney General Steve Crump aware of the allegations and informed him that if any criminal component was revealed I would contact him to make a criminal referral for investigation. The internal investigation revealed no criminal conduct.

About BCSO

The Bradley County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) is a law enforcement agency serving all residents of Bradley County, Tennessee. The elected sheriff is Steve Lawson, who has held the post since September 2018. BCSO is located at 2290 Blythe Avenue SE, Cleveland, TN 37311 and can be reached at 423-728-7300 for non-emergency calls.