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Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:37 PM
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Subject: Open cases -- Officer Travis Hakes

All,

Officer Travis Hakes, with the Chetek PD, resigned effective August 21, 2020. For any remaining open cases we have where Ofc. Hakes would be a witness, and, at the discretion of each attorney in open cases they have with a Chetek police officer, we discussed disclosing the following:

Officer Travis Hakes has resigned from the Chetek Police Department effective August 21, 2020.

Please be advised that, in addition to any CD/DVDs that are included in this referral from law enforcement, the District Attorney's office also has a CD recording of Officer Hakes' body camera and police report in Chetek PD Agency #20CH0209, involving [REDACTED] where Officer Hakes made statements that he can try to just omit or shut off the video taken from his body camera; that the video doesn't have to be admitted; and we won't release the video because there are times when the video gets lost, they don't request it, or the camera doesn't work. You may obtain a copy/copies of same by contacting the agency directly and pre-paying for your copy/copies.

Alternatively, you may schedule an appointment with our office to review, copy or inspect the same at your earliest opportunity. Our office does not have duplication equipment so if you wish to make your own copy of the CD/DVDs please bring your own equipment.

Going forward with open Chetek PD cases not involving Ofc. Hakes, the only arguable reason for disclosing would be Ofc. Hakes' statement that sometimes "we" won't release the video because there are times when the video gets lost, they don't request it, or the camera doesn't work. I would ask all of the prosecutors to challenge the relevancy in a pretrial motion if any defense attorney intends to use this statement to impeach other officers with the Chetek PD. In watching the entire video, Ofc. Hakes made this statement off the cuff and not because other officers at the Chetek PD are failing to include with their referrals the complete video taken from their body cameras.

Thanks,

Brian