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Re: Kenly Police Department investigation

Dear ASAC Stevens:

This letter is a follow-up to our phone conversation about your investigation of the Kenly Police Department regarding missing evidence. After a thorough review of your case file as well as multiple discussions with you about the facts of the case, I have determined that there will be no criminal charges filed in this matter.

I have serious concerns about the way former Lieutenant Casey Jones handled the currency that was seized as evidence from defendant Daniel Jagow; however, I do not believe there was criminal intent to alter, destroy, or steal evidence as the statute requires. The fact that Jones later gave the money to the defendant's girlfriend to get to a place of safety away from the defendant violated Kenly Police Department's evidence collection and retention policy as well as the defendant's rights, but further indicates that Jones did not have intent to commit a crime. Jones was appropriately terminated for his violation of this departmental policy.

I believe Jones' actions indicate a systemic failure in oversight and supervision from Kenly Police Department with respect to ensuring that the evidence collection and retention policy is strictly followed. I am copying the Kenly Town Attorney on this letter because these ongoing issues need to be addressed immediately within Kenly Police Department in order to ensure that defendants' rights are protected in every case.

Thank you for your thorough investigation into this matter. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan I. Doyle
Johnston County District Attorney

Cc: Chip Hewett, Town of Kenly Attorney
Geoff Hulse, Attorney for Casey Jones