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The Smithfield Police Department is a Nationally Accredited Agency since 2015. This brings with it the responsibility to follow accepted procedural and legal rules and policies, as recommended by the International Association of Chiefs of Police, The National Sheriffs Association, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, and the Police Executive Research Forum.

These policies include steps and procedures for internal investigations and the type and substance of information that can be released to the public while these investigations are ongoing. The confidentiality of personnel information is also grounded in North Carolina General Statutes.

As a CALEA Accredited Agency, we want to assure the public that the ongoing investigation of Detective Ronald Johnson is being administered according to these rules and laws and it is being done so in the most expeditious way possible. We ask for the public's understanding, patience, and continued confidence, as we continue to work through this process.

Captain J. Grady / Patrol Commander