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Dear Chief Counsel Benedetti and Attorney Kelleher:

I am writing to you regarding the federal charges recently announced against nine current and retired Boston Police Department Officers. The officers are Lt. Timothy Torigian, 54, of Walpole; Sgt. Gerard O'Brien (retired), 62, of Braintree; Sgt. Robert Twitchell (retired), 58, of Norton; Officer Henry Doherty (retired), 62, of Dorchester; Officer Diana Lopez (retired), 58, of Milton; Officer James Carnes (retired), 57, of Canton; Officer Michael Murphy, 60, of Hyde Park; Officer Ronald Nelson (retired), 63, of Jamaica Plain; and Officer Kendra Conway, 49, of Boston.

Each of these individuals will be added to our Law Enforcement Automatic Discovery database. I will direct my Assistant District Attorneys to provide notice to defense counsel in any individual case involving these officers, and, if necessary, limit or exclude their participation in court proceedings. I recognize that the overwhelming majority of law enforcement officers in Suffolk County are dedicated professionals who provide exemplary, honorable, and culturally competent service to the communities they serve. The actions of a few officers, however, are extremely harmful to the community and the criminal legal system and inclusion in LEAD is a necessary step to maintaining accountability and ensuring transparency.

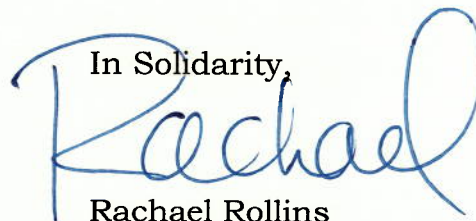
I am deeply dismayed by the allegations outlined in federal court. If these allegations are true, these men and women have dishonored their badges by stealing taxpayer dollars on multiple occasions over a period of years. This behavior calls into question the credibility of whatever testimony they may have given in any Suffolk County prosecution during that time, and possibly beyond.

Public servants are rightfully held to a higher standard. Those of us in law enforcement, in particular, must be beyond reproach because what we do impacts matters of life, death, and freedom for the general public. In these uncertain times, these indictments are a blow to the credibility of our noble profession. We in law enforcement cannot adequately perform our duties if the community does not trust us or believes that we lack integrity.

With that in mind, I am requesting the assistance of each of your organizations in beginning the process of reviewing cases to see what role, if any, these officers may have played in matters your members or employees and staff have defended. For each case you bring to my Office's attention, we will thoroughly review whatever potential pleading is presented to us. I intend to right any wrongs that have been created because of the potential misconduct.

Going forward, please coordinate your efforts with David Lewis, the Chief of my Integrity Review Bureau.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to working with you both and appreciate your service.

In Solidarity,


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