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Cpl. John W. Smith, Jr.
West Virginia State Police
BCI Morgantown

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Re: Investigation, File No. 81000713

Dear Cpl. Smith:

As you are aware, the existence of the need for an independent investigation into an allegation of missing evidence was brought to me on September 9, 2020. I was immediately able to secure your participation and your investigation began on September 15, 2020.

After review of your report dated December 10, 2020, and pursuant to our subsequent conversations, it is my opinion that although the evidence gathered may support probable cause that a destruction of property was committed by Aaron Dalton on or about August 25, 2019, the statute of limitations has run on our ability to pursue that charge. In fact, the statute of limitations for *any* misdemeanor crime committed on or about August 25, 2019 would have run prior to either of us even becoming aware of the incident.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for completing this investigation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Perri DeChristopher".

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Cc: Chief J. Adams, Westover Police Department