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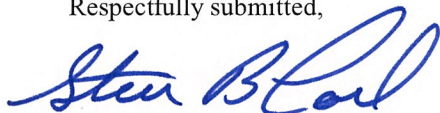
At 12:30 AM on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, the Framingham Police SWAT Team served a search warrant at 26 Fountain Street in Framingham. In a tragic accident, during the service of the search warrant Mr. Eurie Stamps was fatally struck by a bullet which was discharged from a SWAT officer's rifle. Despite immediate intervention by tactical medics, he died at the scene.

The Middlesex District Attorney's Office investigated the matter and ruled that the shooting was accidental. The Framingham Police Department conducted an internal affairs investigation and determined that there was no violation of Departmental rules, regulations, policies, or procedures. A copy of the internal affairs report of Lt. Michael Hill is attached hereto.

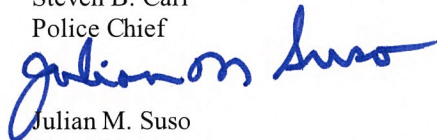
Also, the Framingham Police Department engaged the services of Mr. Steve Ijames, a retired deputy chief of police from Springfield, Missouri to conduct a review from the perspective of a weapons and tactics specialist. Mr. Ijames is a nationally renowned SWAT expert whose qualifications are second to none. He was tasked with reviewing the facts and circumstances of the tragedy, from a tactical and technical perspective. He was asked to respond to specific questions which were drafted by the Police Chief and influenced, in part, by community members' concerns and questions presented in a local newspaper editorial. Mr. Ijames was asked to not confine his opinions to the questions asked and to address any relevant issues which might have come to his attention during his review of the matter. Mr. Ijames' comprehensive and detailed report was submitted to the above-mentioned panel for review and it is attached hereto.

Framingham Police Chief Steven Carl commissioned an independent panel of community leaders to review the death of Mr. Eurie Stamps. In establishing the panel, Chief Carl's goal is to address a tragic and controversial incident in a transparent and unbiased manner, to reinforce the community's trust in its Police Department. The Department is awaiting the panel's recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,



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