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VIA U.S. MAIL AND FACSMILE  
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Police Chief Robert Alcon  
Mayflower City Hall  
2 Ashmore Street  
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RE: Officer Mark Winchester  
Felony Case Submissions

Dear Chief Alcon:

Please consider this letter my formal notice to your department that the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney's Office will no longer accept felony case submissions from Officer Mark Winchester.

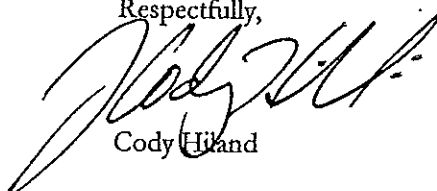
As you recall, in our meeting with Officer Winchester concerning his investigation of Melissa Brown, it was discovered he had intentionally withheld exculpatory evidence from my office. That sort of behavior from an officer sworn to protect his community is unacceptable and will not be countenanced by this office. It places your city and my office at risk of civil and/or criminal liability and, worse, undermines the trust of the community our local law enforcement has worked and bled to earn.

I understand this might seem to be an extreme remedy but an extraordinary problem requires an extraordinary response. The intentional failure to disclose exculpatory evidence in a criminal case is an extraordinary problem and will be met with zero tolerance in the 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District.

I appreciate your leadership and integrity on a very difficult matter and look forward to working with you in the future.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my office.

Respectfully,



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