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RE: Ville Platte Police Department

Dear Mr. Savant:

We write to inform you and your clients that we are closing the Department of Justice's (DOJ) investigation of the Ville Platte Police Department (VPPD), which was conducted pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994, 34 U.S.C. § 12601.

In making this decision, we considered: your clients' efforts to implement the June 4, 2018, voluntary settlement; the results of a recent DOJ expert visit; VPPD policy updates; and the original violations which triggered this investigation (i.e. unconstitutional stops, searches, arrest, and detention). This decision should not be interpreted as a general endorsement of all VPPD policies and practices; nor have we made any determination as to whether VPPD's jail operations generally comply with constitutional standards for long-term detention facilities.

We also encourage VPPD to obtain technical assistance from the Office of Justice Programs, or other outside agencies, so it will remain on a path of constitutional policing. Such assistance may be particularly helpful with implementing data collection, supervisor training, and internal audit reforms.

Please thank your clients for their hard work and cooperation. Thank you as well for the assistance you and your firm provided with our compliance reviews. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our representative.

Sincerely,

Patrick McCarthy
Chief
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cc: Chief A. Perry Thomas
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