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**All Requesters of Records Related to the Administrative Review and
Video of Officer Sperry and Officer Johnson's Officer Involved Shooting**

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to Wisconsin Public Records Laws the Administrative Review of Officer Involved Shooting, Eau Claire Police Department Incident 22PD16041, involving Officers Sam Sperry and Tre Johnson is being released with the following exceptions:

- Personally identifiable information related to witnesses that were interviewed as part of this proceeding has been redacted from this review as a matter of personal privacy. Individuals may be reluctant to report what they know to the police if they have to fear that this personal and sensitive information is subject to release upon a public records request.

Pursuant to Wisconsin Public Records Laws portions of the body camera video from Officer Johnson, along with a video from a bystander is being released related to Eau Claire Police Department Incident 22PD16041.

- The full length of each video is as follows:
Office Johnson's Body Camera: 36 minutes 13 seconds
Bystander Video: 0 minutes 26 seconds

The above videos were combined to create one video to show the timeline of events more clearly. Full copies of each video can be requested by contacting the Eau Claire Police Department's Records division, the release is subject to Wisconsin Open Records Laws.

In arriving at the above determinations, I have reviewed the requested information and have carefully balanced the public interests in non-disclosure of these records against the strong presumption that public records should be open to inspection. Access to these records has been denied only because it is clear that statutes mandate redaction or withholding of such records and/or public policies promoted by non-disclosure strongly outweigh the public's interests in full disclosure. The denial of the aforementioned information is subject to review by mandamus under sec. 19.35(4)(b) of the Wisconsin State Statutes or upon application to the Attorney General or a District Attorney.

FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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