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Sheriff Peter Newton
Addison County Sheriff's Department
35 Court St.
Middlebury, VT 05753

Dear Sheriff Newton,

This letter memorializes our conversation regarding Deputy Tim Maxfield. I have reviewed the video that you provided me of a traffic stop conducted by Deputy Maxfield and have determined that our office will no longer prosecute his cases. A review of the video reveals a clearly racially motivated escalation of a roadside stop for a mere traffic violation, wherein he falsely identified the occupants of the motor vehicle as gang members based upon race.

We already had concerns regarding Deputy Maxfield based upon recent inaccuracies in an affidavit of probable cause, wherein he misrepresented certain facts in an effort to protect the identity of an informant. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dennis Wygmans".

Dennis Wygmans
State's Attorney