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Chief Ron Hoague
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145 Maple Street
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Chief Hoague,

I have reviewed a recent internal investigation conducted by Essex Police Department, as well as the ongoing criminal investigation being conducted by the Vermont State Police, both regarding Lance Martel. These investigations, coupled with a prior allegation of a similar nature, severely undermine the State's ability to rely on his testimony as a credible witness. Therefore, I am unwilling to call him as a witness and will not accept any criminal cases from him going forward.

Please add this letter to his personnel file so any future law enforcement agencies that he may apply at will have access to this information.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah F. George".

Sarah F. George
Chittenden County State's Attorney