



CITY OF MADISON
INDEPENDENT POLICE MONITOR

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****Statement From the Office of The Independent Police Monitor Regarding an Ongoing Investigation****

In the interest of transparency and in response to significant public concern, the Office of the Independent Police Monitor is issuing this statement to confirm that a review is underway regarding a recent police encounter.

This matter presents unique circumstances due to the role of the complainant and the proximity of that role to the police oversight system itself. As a result, it is particularly important that this review be conducted with independence, care, and transparency to maintain public confidence in the oversight process. This matter is currently under active investigation.

The Office of the Independent Police Monitor has begun a comprehensive review that includes available video evidence, initial officer summaries, and applicable policy standards. Additional materials, including witness statements, officer reports, dash camera footage, and any additional responding agency reports, are still being gathered and reviewed. No findings or conclusions have been made at this time.

Based on the initial review of available video evidence and preliminary materials, some aspects of the encounter raise serious questions that require thorough and careful review. It would be inappropriate to draw conclusions or make determinations before the investigation is complete and all relevant information has been fully evaluated.

The Office of the Independent Police Monitor is aware that the Madison Police Department, under Chief Patterson, is cooperating with this review and has initiated its own internal affairs investigation. These processes are separate and ongoing.

It is important to emphasize that initial summaries or reports do not constitute final determinations. Independent oversight requires that all relevant evidence be reviewed in full, that involved parties be given the opportunity to provide statements, and that the analysis be grounded in established policy and law.

At the conclusion of the investigation, the Office of the Independent Police Monitor will take appropriate action and, consistent with applicable law and process, will provide appropriate information regarding outcomes and any recommendations issued.

The Office of the Independent Police Monitor remains committed to transparency, accountability, and fairness, both to the community and to those involved. Further updates will be provided when appropriate.

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