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TO: Town Administrator Jay Grande
FR: Chief Mark G. Saloio
RE: Unaccounted/Missing Departmental Firearm - **CONFIDENTIAL**
DT: October 29, 2019

Jay,

I am writing this memo to you to advise you there is an unaccounted for firearm that was at one time part of the Tisbury Police Department firearms' inventory.

In speaking with Sergeant Sherman this morning, I was advised that we received an NCIC notification from the Dukes' County Sheriff's Office concerning a missing departmental firearm. This firearm had been entered into the national missing/stolen database (NCIC) in 2017. I was informed that a Glock model 27 duty pistol, serial number [REDACTED] was discovered missing on or about July 2017. There is a departmental report on file which was completed by former Sergeant Stobie, in July of 2017, which alleges the firearm in question was given to former Chief Hanavan, by Stobie, in June of 2015. It is reported that this firearm was later reported to not be in the possession of Hanavan and its whereabouts were unable to be determined.

The Dukes' County Regional Communications Center regularly sends out correspondences to Island law enforcement agencies to ascertain whether listings' entered into the national missing/stolen database still need to be maintained in the database. After confirming with Sergeant Habekost this morning that the firearm in question was in fact acquired by this agency, I also learned that the firearm in question was issued to former Police Chief Saulnier, and was reportedly turned in when he departed this agency. This information was unable to be confirmed first-hand, however.

At this point in time, I believe it is important for you to be alerted as to this situation so you are aware and informed. There is an unaccounted for firearm, registered to the Tisbury Police Department, somewhere in the public domain.

Based upon this information, and due to the extended period of time that has transpired since this firearm was discovered missing and reported, it would be extremely challenging, though not impossible, to definitively determine its whereabouts. Should the Town wish to pursue this matter, it is my opinion that it would be appropriate to hire an outside investigational firm to look into this matter thoroughly, as many of the involved individuals are no longer associated with this agency. Please advise me whether you would like any additional actions taken in regard to this matter. I have attached the relevant documentation for this matter for your information and review.

Respectfully,

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