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CHIEF OF POLICE

Press Release

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Use of Force Review and Investigation

The Dothan Police Department launched an internal review on Monday December 16th, 2024, of the incident mentioned today by Attorney Dustin Fowler on behalf of his clients regarding the use of force by officers during an incident at the Elks Lodge on E. Burdeshaw St. This review is standard for all use of force incidents that occur by Dothan Police Personnel. We take all such incidents seriously and are committed to ensuring transparency and accountability in our operations. To date, we have not received any allegations of excessive force against any officers from Mr. Fowler or any of his clients.

An internal investigation is standard and currently underway to thoroughly review the circumstances surrounding this event. Our primary concern is to ensure that all actions taken by our officers are consistent with departmental policies, legal standards, and the rights of the individuals involved.

We are committed to providing updates as the investigation progresses. In the meantime, we encourage the public to allow the investigative process to take its course to ensure a fair and thorough review.

As always, we appreciate the trust and cooperation of our community and remain dedicated to serving and protecting all residents with integrity and respect.

For further inquiries, please contact the Dothan Police Department Public Information Office at

334-615-3924 or at dpd@dothan.org

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "W. E. Benny".

William E. Benny

Chief of Police

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