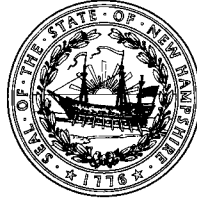


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Re: Review of the November 18, 2018 Incident at the Bonfire Restaurant

Dear Chief Capano,

I am writing to inform you of the conclusion of this office's review of your department's investigation into the incident that occurred on November 18, 2018, outside of the Bonfire Restaurant in Manchester.

As you are aware, this office received inquiries following this incident and your department publicly stated that:

As we do with all police reports, we are actively reviewing this incident to ensure our officers followed the proper procedures during the four arrests outside of Bonfire. We are also reviewing the criminal charges during this active and ongoing investigation.

In addition, I stated to the news media that this office would review your review of this incident, once completed. I also stated, "[w]e have the utmost confidence Manchester Police will conduct a thorough review and investigation into this matter."

Recently, after being notified by Assistant Chief Ryan Grant that your department's review of this matter was complete, I reviewed the case file, to include officer's narrative reports, videos obtained of the incident, as well as Response to Resistance Reports completed by responding officers. I also reviewed a memorandum authored by Lieutenant Joseph Mucci concerning his administrative review of the incident.

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Having completed my review of these materials, I have concluded that the review of this incident was handled appropriately by your department and further that the officers involved in this incident were justified in their respective uses of force under RSA 627:5.

Because I am aware that there are ongoing legal proceedings stemming from this incident I am unable to further discuss the facts of the incident or the rationale for my conclusions until all legal proceedings are concluded. However, once any legal proceedings have concluded, I will present you with my final report concerning this review.

Thank you for your time and the attention that you have given to this matter. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further.

Sincerely,



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