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To: Chief McDorman

From: Deputy Chief Stephenie Price

Subject: Evidence

Date: June 5, 2023

The purpose of this memorandum is to respond to the potential evidence issue brought forth in March 2023 regarding evidence dispositions. It was alleged there was a question of proper evidence dispositions and documentation.

Since March of 2023, the Criminal Investigation Division has been researching dispositions of evidence and the documentation pertaining to those items.

In Acting Lieutenant Re's memorandum, we have one (1) case where there is no documentation of disposal of evidence. However, this 2006 incident falls within the timeframe of the Tracker software usage and we are not able to verify authorization for disposal. The victim in the case has not responded to the sergeant's request for advisement to move forward with prosecution.

In May of 2023, Beaufort Police Department retained the services of a previous evidence employee to locate documentation of disposals. In Ms. Garnes' memorandum, she concludes there is nothing to substantiate the claim of missing evidence. Further, she concludes all the disposals were lawful and proper.

The evidence issue is due to the changing of three different software companies which did not effectively transfer information between the systems, changing of evidence custodians, and changing of command at the police department due to retirements and resignations. All these events took place in the span of 2006 to present. I recommend no further action taken on the evidence issue.



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Further, since 2015, the current Spillman record system has been utilized to document evidence processing in a single unified software application and continues to be an integral part of our chain of custody and law enforcement procedures. I recommend continuing to utilize this system.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DCS. Price".

Deputy Chief Stephenie Price