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Chief Dale McDorman
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RE: Review of Findings / Beaufort PD Evidence Room

Dear Chief McDorman:

I have received your request for a review of the findings from a recent audit of the evidence housed at the Beaufort PD Evidence Room. Based on our past conversations, it was brought to your attention that over 800 pieces of evidence may have been unaccounted for. While this seems overwhelming, many departments find that this is usually a clerical error, and not a criminal matter.

I have reviewed the documents that you have provided to me, and the steps you took to rectify the situation. At the conclusion of my review, it is obvious that this is a clerical error, because of a computer software/program issue. It is also obvious that this is not a criminal matter, which is a necessary requirement for SLED to conduct an investigation. I have also notated that you have taken the necessary steps to rectify the situation and to ensure that this does not happen again in the future.

If I can be of any further assistance to you and your department, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Captain Ryan Neill, SLED
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