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DA Heggen's Statement Regarding the November 20, 2022 Police-Involved Shooting in Saratoga Springs

I have repeatedly attempted to engage the representatives of the City of Saratoga Springs in an effort to reach a mutual understanding regarding the issues surrounding the dissemination of evidentiary videos and information regarding the officer-involved shooting on November 20, 2022.

Yesterday my attorney again reached out to the Saratoga Springs City Council's private attorney with a proposed stipulation with the genuine hope of reaching a resolution. A copy of the proposed settlement is attached. In sum and substance, it only asks that the City Council agree to following the City's own preexisting media policy concerning criminal matters—a policy that the Mayor and Public Safety Commissioner did not adhere to in the days following the shooting on Broadway. Sadly, but unsurprisingly, they have said no.

Therefore, I have taken the necessary steps to continue to protect the integrity of the criminal investigation and anticipated grand jury review and will be filing an Article 78 proceeding today against Mayor Ronald Kim and Public Safety Commissioner James Montagnino, as the other City Council members have not disseminated confidential information. This filing seeks an order from the Court to prohibit them from accessing and disseminating information and evidence regarding the November 20th incident for a period of 60 days or until the Saratoga County grand jury reviews the incident.

Dated: December 21, 2022