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Carl Dabadie
Chief of Police

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Dear Mayor Sharon Weston Broome:

In your letter to me, you urged me to reexamine paid administrative leave and disciplinary action for Officers Howie Lake II and Officer Blane Salamoni. We have discussed on several occasions that it would be improper for me to prematurely hand down discipline on either Officer in question while a pending criminal investigation is still underway. The Baton Rouge Police Department has always allowed due process to be completed for officers when criminal conduct is alleged. One of the possible violations of Baton Rouge Police Department policy is Violation of Law. Neither officer has been charged with a violation of law to date. In such cases, the Pre-Disciplinary hearing is not held until the officer is arrested, indicted or cleared in the criminal investigation.

I feel that waiting for all of the evidence in this case to be gathered is the most prudent course of action I can take at this time. I urge you to reconsider your position and let the criminal process conclude.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl Dabadie". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Carl Dabadie
Chief of Police