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Statement from the office of the City Attorney

The Office of the City Attorney is aware of the public interest regarding the ongoing multi-agency investigation involving the City of Muskegon Heights. Because this investigation remains active, our office is limited in the information we can provide at this time.

During the execution of the search warrant, representatives from the Office of the City Attorney were present to observe the process and assist in ensuring that the legal rights and protections afforded to City officials and employees were respected. The execution of those search warrant has now concluded. The presence of the City Attorney's Office should not be interpreted as a statement regarding the investigation, the allegations, or any individual or entity involved.

City Attorney Te Smith has also been in communication with Muskegon County Prosecutor D.J. Hilson regarding this matter. Those communications reflect the City's commitment to maintaining appropriate coordination with prosecutorial authorities while protecting the City's legal interests throughout the investigative process.

Investigations of this nature require time and careful review. Law enforcement agencies are responsible for conducting their investigations in accordance with applicable laws and procedures, which may limit the immediate release of information while the process is ongoing.

The Office of the City Attorney remains committed to protecting the City's legal interests, upholding the rule of law, and ensuring that the City fulfills its legal obligations throughout this process. We also recognize the community's interest in transparency and accountability and will provide additional information when it can be responsibly shared and consistent with legal requirements.

We appreciate the public's patience and understanding as this matter proceeds. I anticipate future statements from The Office of the Mayor will be released as information becomes available. The Office of the City Attorney remains dedicated to serving the City of Muskegon Heights with professionalism, integrity, and respect.

Sincerely,

Te D. Smith, Esq.

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The Office of the City Attorney for

The City of Muskegon Heights