



# City of Lawrence

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### ATTACHMENT E

Ms. Crystalee Protheroe

Lawrence, Kansas 66046

Dear Ms. Protheroe,

It was a pleasure meeting you on June 23, 2016. In the course of our discussion you raised concerns that on two occasions the Lawrence Police Department did not act upon reports, made on your behalf, of alleged domestic violence in which you were an alleged victim. You provided limited details of the reporting parties' names and dates of the calls. You agreed to follow up with more information after our meeting. I have yet to receive any additional information about the incidents from you.

On the same day of our meeting, I requested the Chief of Police, Tarik Khatib, look into your claims based upon the information that you did provide at our meeting. You stated that a couple of years ago, your friend, \_\_\_\_\_, called the Lawrence Police Department alleging that your former husband had abused you. You further stated that an advocacy group from Topeka, Kansas, associated with Forbes Field, also called the Lawrence Police Department on your behalf alleging you were abused.

Chief Khatib assigned a police sergeant to search police records related to your claims. The sergeant located records related to a call initiated by your former husband in 2012, in which two officers and two sergeants responded to the scene. No evidence of a crime was found at the time, and consequently, no report or charges were filed. The sergeant also located notes from a call received in February of 2015 from Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that she had called to report an act of domestic battery against her friend that occurred in 2008. According to the officer's narrative Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ stated that in 2008, the Lawrence Police Department was called to her friend's location and responded, but Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_'s friend sent the officer away saying nothing happened. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ further told the officer that the same friend was (at the time of Ms. \_\_\_\_\_'s call in 2015) going through a divorce with the suspect from the 2008 incident and wanted to try and build a case for full custody of the couple's children. The officer requested that Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ have her friend, the victim, call. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_ did not identify her friend by name. To the extent Ms. \_\_\_\_\_'s call was referring to you, the Department could not have taken action on the allegation. The statute of limitations for the crime of domestic



battery is five (5) years. A report of an act of alleged domestic battery made in 2015 for an act of domestic battery that occurred in 2008 is beyond the statute of limitations, and could not be prosecuted.

Aside from the two incidents described above, the Lawrence Police Department did not locate information of any other calls that match the information you provided to me on June 23, 2016. I am satisfied that the Lawrence Police Department acted appropriately in relation to the incidents described above. I consider this matter closed at this time. Thank you for contacting me with your concerns.

Sincerely,



Thomas M. Markus  
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C: Tarik Khatib, Chief of Police  
Toni Wheeler, City Attorney