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Sent: 06 May 2026 14:40
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Referral. Our ref 2016/063878 - former Chief Constable Sean Price
Attachments: Lt to AA re MOI decision S Price Cleveland PCC.doc

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 26 October 2016 09:44
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Referral. Our ref 2016/063878 - former Chief Constable Sean Price

Dear [REDACTED]

With reference to the above, please find attached our letter detailing the mode of investigation decision; this is return to force (RTF). I did want to speak to you, communicating the decision verbally prior to sending this email. However, I have not been able to reach you on the numbers provided but did leave you a voicemail.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your assistance and patience with this matter.

Kind Regards

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Our reference: 2016/063878

Mr [REDACTED]
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
for Cleveland
Police Headquarters
Ladgate Lane
Middlesborough
Cleveland
TS8 9EH

26 October 2016

Dear [REDACTED]

Referral of conduct matter to the IPCC – former Chief Constable Sean Price.

Thank you for your referral of 31 March 2016. I would like to apologise for the delay with this mode of investigation decision and thank you for the additional assistance you provided.

The IPCC has decided that this matter does not need to be investigated and this is therefore sent back to you to be dealt with in any manner that you may determine; this decision was made in conjunction with having sight of the referral from Cleveland Police concerning the former Force Solicitor [REDACTED]

If concerns arise later that might merit this decision being reconsidered, the matter should be referred to us again.

If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 November 2016 13:23
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Referral 2016/063878 - former Chief Constable Sean Price Referral 2016/063870- former Force Solicitor [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached our letter in response to your query concerning the MOI decision regarding the above mentioned referrals.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 November 2016 10:31

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Referral 2016/063878 - former Chief Constable Sean Price Referral 2016/063870– former Force Solicitor
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached letter from [REDACTED] Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
PA to PCC & Chief Executive

OPCC, Police Headquarters, Ladgate Lane, Middlesbrough TS8 9EH
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]



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Mr [REDACTED]
Chief Executive & Monitoring Officer
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for
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Cleveland Police Headquarters
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23 November 2016.

Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing with regard to your letter dated 9 November 2016, the contents of which have been noted.

The allegations were considered to be serious; this alleging a cover up of an allegation of GSE against the Chairman of the Police Authority, Mr McLuckie, by the then Chief Constable and Force Solicitor. However, examination of the documentation showed that Mr McLuckie himself informed the Chief Constable of Cleveland Police of the allegation. The local authority were also aware of the allegations, took the lead on dealing with them and informed that Cleveland Police would not progress the matter; a strategy was put in place that should the victim wish to make criminal allegations this would be to a different force. It is of note that the alleged victim appeared not to wish to make criminal allegations, and has not done so since.

As the Chief Constable was aware of the allegations, the policy in place at that time meant he should have ensured they were recorded, it appears they were not. There was also concern regarding the suitability of the conduct of the then Force Solicitor. However, these matters occurred some significant time ago. There does not appear to have been any adverse consequence from the actions of the Chief Constable or the Force Solicitor. At the highest, the actions of the Chief Constable appear to involve non recording, rather than a deliberate cover up. Neither the Chief Constable or the Force Solicitor are employed by Cleveland Police and the Force Solicitor no longer practices as a Solicitor. Therefore, it was concluded that it was not necessary for this matter to be investigated by the IPCC, or it to be in the public interest to do so, and returned to the appropriate authority to deal with as you see fit.

I hope this answers your queries. Should you have any further queries, please do not

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Yours sincerely

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