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Chief Shawn Burke  
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Chief Burke,

As you know, Cassandra Ellison is a witness in the prosecution of State v. Christopher Matott. As part of that investigation she gave a sworn statement to the Vermont State Police and two consecutive sworn statements as part of an Internal Affairs investigation. These sworn statements are inconsistent in a way that calls into question her credibility and the trust that my office can place in her as a witness.

Therefore, going forward, my office is unwilling to accept cases from her. Further, for any cases in which she is currently a witness, we will be disclosing these inconsistent statements to defense counsel in accordance with the criminal rules of procedure and our ethical obligation as prosecutors.

As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sarah F. George".

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