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Chief of Police Joseph C. Cordeiro
New Bedford Police Department
871 Rockdale Avenue
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Re: Officer Jorge Santos

Dear Chief Cordeiro,

As you know the District Attorney's Office received a referral from the New Bedford Police Department regarding the conduct and activities of Officer Jorge Santos. As a result, we conducted an extensive investigation that included interviewing over 40 civilian and law enforcement witnesses and collecting and reviewing numerous documents and other evidence. After a thorough review of the matter, we have concluded our investigation is to be closed without any charges to be issued.

Notwithstanding our determination that Officer Santos will not be prosecuted for a crime, the investigation revealed information about Officer Santos's conduct which we are compelled to provide to defendants in criminal cases involving Officer Santos, pursuant to our obligations described in Brady v. Maryland, 373 U.S. 83 (1967) and Giglio v. United States, 405 U.S. 150 (1971). These obligations require the prosecutor to inform defendants of information it possesses which undermines the credibility of a witness.

In sum, our investigation showed that Officer Santos made a number of contradictory and untruthful statements regarding his warrantless entry into the F/V Little Tootie and his conduct therein on June 21, 2018. Officer Santos's report, in which he attempts to provide legal justification for his actions, is contrary to all of the objective evidence. Because this type of conduct is at the heart of Officer Santos's duties as a police officer, his report must be provided to every defendant in whose case he is a potential witness, along with the evidence showing that the warrantless conduct was not justified.

Furthermore, because Officer Santos's conduct greatly undermines any prosecution, which relies on his work as a police officer, he is no longer an officer that we can call as a prosecution witness. Consequently, it is our determination that in addition to our obligation to

inform defendants about the existence of potentially exculpatory information, we will no longer proffer Officer Santos as a witness in any case prosecuted by this office.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Bomberg', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PATRICK O. BOMBERG
FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY