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For Immediate Release

This statement is in connection with a lawsuit brought by the disgruntled ex-Chief of Police Anthony Marraccini.

The Complaint, filed in Federal Court, is a pathetic attempt by the disgraced and imprisoned ex-Chief to re-write history. The lawsuit is littered with false statements. We categorically deny each and every allegation raised by Marraccini. We will vigorously defend this meritless suit.

I believe that the timing of this lawsuit is highly suspect, on the eve of the upcoming local election, and given the relationship that Marraccini's family has developed with my election opponent and his running mates who they have supported and contributed to.

After being suspended, Marraccini decided to retire from his position while under an ongoing federal investigation and facing potential disciplinary charges by the Town. His own attorney faxed his letter of retirement to the Town.

Marraccini is a convicted felon, serving time in a federal prison, as a result of a multi-year scheme to defraud and evade his obligation to pay income taxes on 2.4 million dollars of income for a construction business he was operating as the full-time Chief of Police.

The reality is Marraccini recorded approximately 1,000 hours of work time that he was not entitled to. As a result, we are considering counterclaims relating to Marraccini's time records and also the time he used to run a full-time construction business while he was supposed to have been working full-time as our Police Chief.