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Community Update Regarding the Arrest of Stoneham Police Officer

As the Town Administrator and Chief of Police, we wanted to provide the following update to the community regarding the recent arrest of Joseph Ponzo.

First and foremost, at this time, there is no evidence that any other member of the Stoneham Police Department was involved and any speculation regarding such involvement is unfair to the men and women of the Department, who serve our community with pride, courage and integrity.

Immediately after his arrest on Friday, April 29th Mr. Ponzo was placed on administrative leave. On Monday, May 2nd, he was notified that he would be suspended without pay because he was under indictment for serious felony charges. Mr. Ponzo resigned from the Stoneham Police Department on Tuesday, May 3rd.

We are continuing to communicate with the FBI and U.S. Attorney's Office to determine if there is any additional links to the Town of Stoneham. Information related to the investigation must remain confidential, and the Town is limited in its ability to comment or provide additional information at this time.

The steps outlined above represent the Town's initial response to the arrest. Additional information regarding this event will be provided when possible.

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