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January 11, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Stephen P. Johnson (Position #9U606, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2610-013-500134) to a position where he will remain as a Criminal Investigator at a salary level of \$81,120.00 (LG BB, Step 7), for a term ending January 6, 2027, effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Johnson earned a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Clark University in 1978 and Master of Arts in Criminal Justice from Anna Maria College in 1986. He has more than 39 years of law enforcement experience most of which was acquired while serving with the Massachusetts State Police. Among his assignments there, he was an Investigator-Detective Lieutenant of the Division of Investigative Services and Commanding Officer of the State Office of Investigation in Boston. He was recognized with the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in 2004 and the U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service in 2014; the awards are the highest and second highest federal law enforcement awards, respectively. He joined the Department as a Criminal Investigator in January 2017 and is currently assigned to the Criminal Justice Bureau. He will continue to serve in that capacity and his salary will remain the same. A copy of his resume is attached.

RSA 94:1-a(1)(c)(3) provides that designation of positions, salary levels, and salary increases for attorneys at the Department of Justice shall be determined by the Attorney General, subject to approval of the Governor and Council, within appropriations made to the Department of Justice.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Johnson for reappointment at the above-referenced salary amount and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.M. Formella". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Mr. Stephen P. Johnson

EXPERIENCE

Uniform Trooper-K-9 handler.

Massachusetts State Police-Uniform branch, Framingham, MA July' 1982 – July 1987

1982-1987-Uniform Trooper working western and central Massachusetts barracks. I conducted typical patrol functions including traffic enforcement, domestic abuse, and burglary investigations, and made arrests of individuals involved in motor vehicle offenses, armed robberies, drug trafficking, and illegal weapons crimes.

1984-1987-I was assigned as a K-9 handler in addition to my regular patrol work. I was involved in missing person's cases, crowd control incidents, and numerous searches for fleeing and wanted suspects.

Investigator-Detective Lieutenant

Massachusetts State Police-Division of Investigative Services, Framingham, MA July 1987-January 2017

1987-1993-Narcotics Investigator with the Worcester County District Attorney's Office (Major Frank Moore MSP (ret.) 508-380-4764) conducting undercover assignments (350 plus undercover buys), authoring affidavits for search warrants (500 plus written) and involving the use and handling of confidential informants (50+). I was also for a time the units' contraband officer organizing, cataloging, and photographing extensive narcotics related evidence including large sums of cash. My duties also included the supervising and coordination of investigations for an area drug task force comprised of ten local departments (1989-1992) (North Worcester County Drug Task Force). I also testified (100+ times) in grand juries and at state and federal trials, often as an expert in drug identification and investigations, as well as regarding drug related records. Additionally I conducted a multi-agency task force investigation (state police detectives, Lancaster Police, DEA and ATF) that culminated in indictment of nine individuals for smuggling and distribution of cocaine, marijuana and hashish (US v. Catalucci, S/A Norman Houle DEA (ret.) 603-833-1797).

1993-2004-Organized Crime Investigator with the State Police Special Service Section (SSS). I conducted organized crime related investigations, often employing electronic surveillance as an affiant, monitor and later as a supervisor (50+). I was involved in the planning, coordination and completion of these lengthy organized crime investigations and was thoroughly involved in their prosecution. These investigations took place primarily in Eastern Massachusetts region, in both North and South Shore communities and Cape Cod (Colonel Thomas Foley MSP (Ret.) 508-277-9332). Additionally I was the co-case agent in the federal prosecutions of James J "Whitey" Bulger and his associates (AUSA Fred Wyshak 617-748-3201), which included several law enforcement corruption cases (Florida v. John Connolly etc.). This work included gathering

evidence for complex money laundering counts with extensive financial paper and electronic records both with and without IRS-CI assistance. I participated in the documentation and recovery at crime scenes of the remains of six murder victims, and the overall clearance of more than fifty cold case homicides. I also was involved in the handling and debriefing of several high profile WITSEC cooperators (to include John Martorano, Stephen Flemmi, Kevin Weeks) along with the development of hundreds of other significant witnesses. This case required the extensive cooperative effort of state police, Boston Police DEA, IRS-CI, DOJ-IG, FBI and the US Attorney's Office. During this same time period, I remained with the Special Service Section after being promoted to Sergeant, and supervised the Technical Services Unit, which facilitated wiretap, video surveillance, telephone data analysis and GPS technology for state, federal, and local law enforcement.

2004-2012-Commanding Officer (Detective Lieutenant) of the Special Service Section which was comprised then of two organized crime squads (Eastern and Western Massachusetts), a state wide Human Trafficking team, and two financial crimes groups. I continued to supervise the Technical Services Unit which remained under the section's command at that time. I commanded the detectives and their supervisors conducting these types of criminal investigations and monitored and cataloged all of the sections confidential informants. This section was involved primarily in electronic surveillance cases, and I have often been called upon to advise various state police detective units, local police departments, district attorneys' offices, and the state police administration on how to successfully conduct these types of wiretap related investigations (Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Cape and Islands, Essex and Bristol District Attorneys, etc. Lieutenant Colonel Dermot Quinn MSP 617-590-1450)

2012-2013 Co-lead case agent in the federal RICO prosecution of James J Bulger. I was responsible to gather evidence and managing witnesses concerning nineteen homicides, drug trafficking, extortion, and other related counts prior to, and during the trial.

2013-January 2017-Commanding Officer of the State Office of Investigation in Boston (SOI), supervising investigative units attached to various state agencies. These units include a group that conducts background investigations for all major appointments by the Governor's Office (including all judicial appointments). Another unit which I supervise conducts financial and lottery investigations for the office of the State Treasurer. I also supervise a five person investigative unit attached to the Massachusetts Disabled Person's Protection Commission that focuses on these specific types of crime victims. (Major Joseph Duggan MSP 978-844-0137)

2013-January 2017-Lead investigator for the retrial, US v. Gary Lee Sampson, (AUSA Zachary Hafer 617-748-3106), a federal death penalty case. This prosecution involved three homicides committed in 2001, in Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire, several bank robberies committed in North Carolina, and more than seventy witnesses along with all aspects of jury selection. At trial, Sampson was convicted on January 12, 2017 by a jury, and was later sentenced to death.

Investigator-New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

January 2017 to Present-Investigator assigned to the Criminal Bureau, and in the Drug Unit investigating and assisting in the prosecution of deaths resulting from the sales of illegal drugs.

February 2017 to Present-Task force member investigating the homicide of Denise Robert, in Manchester, on August 30, 2015.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts (Criminal Justice)

Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA August 1986

Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice)

Clark University, Worcester, MA April 1978

AWARDS

2014-Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service (the second highest federal law enforcement award)

2004 Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service (the highest federal law enforcement award)

2004- Massachusetts State Police-Medal of Merit.

2001- New England Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association President's Award