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March 13, 2019

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 appoint Steven A. Hamel #9U601 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-014-500134) as a Criminal Investigator at a salary level of \$65,150.80 (LG BB, Step 3) effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or April 12, 2019, whichever is the latter. Mr. Hamel will be occupying a position term which ends on November 20, 2020.

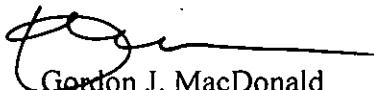
EXPLANATION

Mr. Hamel has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement. He began his career in 1988 with the Maine Drug Enforcement Agency as a Special Agent until 1994. From 1994-2011, Mr. Hamel worked in Narcotic Enforcement for the Kittery, Maine Police Department, and was a Detective Sergeant from 2010-2013. He has been assigned to the Drug Enforcement Administration Tactical Diversion Squad from 2013 to the present. Given his years of experience and expertise, I am requesting he be appointed as a Criminal Investigator at a salary of \$65,150.80. A copy of his resume is attached.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Hamel's appointment as a Criminal Investigator at the above-referenced salary for your approval and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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Steven A. Hamel

Law Enforcement Professional

Offering more than 30 years of solid overt and covert operations experience

Dedicated, proactive narcotics enforcement professional with extensive experience training, and motivating drug enforcement teams. Secured a strong reputation with diverse contacts in the law enforcement field and community. Specialized training in all aspects of overt and covert operations with Federal and State enforcement, fraud, drug abuse, surveillance, robbery, homicide, state criminal codes, felony and misdemeanor drug offenses. Excellent communication interpersonal talents to naturally build trust and rapport with individual of diverse ages, professions and cultures. Outstanding leader with a firm, but fair attitude and a reputation for honesty, loyalty, and integrity. Strong knowledge of drug enforcement at the Federal and State level including:

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| ➤ Investigation and Search Procedures | ➤ Intelligence Gathering |
| ➤ Crime and Intelligence | ➤ Crisis Management |
| ➤ Evidence collection | ➤ Security and Emergency Responses |
| ➤ Enforcement in Criminal Codes | ➤ Witness Protection |
| ➤ Resource Management | ➤ Personnel Management |
| ➤ Testifying and Defense Representation | ➤ Budgeting and Administration |
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Selected Special Investigation and Projects

- Spearheaded undercover investigation through US Attorney's Office (Concord, New Hampshire and Portland, Maine) into the heroin overdose teenage death investigations leading to successful prosecution in Federal Court
 - Developed informants and implemented drug operations leading to effective prosecution's throughout New England
 - Worked on Homicide investigation with State and Federal agencies which resulted in convictions
 - Earned special achievement award/s from New England Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association and US Attorney's Office for outstanding contributions in the field of drug enforcement
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assigned to Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Tactical Diversion Squad 2013 – Present
Task Force Officer

Responsible for enforcing all Federal Criminal Statutes and state statutes. Manage criminal and administrative investigations related to the enforcement of Uniform Controlled Dangerous Substance Act. Provide daily protective and investigative solutions for individuals, communities and facilities.

- Direct overt and covert operations for Federal and State narcotics enforcement
- Educate staff for consistent practice of threat assessment, risk analysis, crisis intervention and suspect interrogation
- Executed arrest/s of drug traffickers and abusers
- Established reliable informants and ways to combat illegal drug trafficking
- Facilitate undercover narcotic buys from known drug targets

Detective Sergeant, Kittery Police Department, Maine 2010 - 2013

- Plan and control investigation/s inside and outside Maine jurisdiction
- Facilitate information sharing with state, local, and federal agencies
- Govern all administrative aspects for suspect examination and witness investigation

Steven A. Hamel

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- Interviewed suspects to obtain facts assuring for adherence with all applicable laws and rules
- Narcotics Enforcement, Kittery Police Department, Maine 1994 - 2011
- Managed evidence and formulated reports
 - Conducted interviews of witnesses, victims and other appropriate persons ensuring professionalism
 - Directed Overt and covert mobile and stationary surveillance operations
- Maine Drug Enforcement Agency, Special Agent, Kittery, ME 1988 - 1994
- Monitored all related confidential records, evidence and sworn testimony
 - Prepared case preparation and crisis planning
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SPECIALIZED TRAINING

- Multijurisdictional Narcotic Task Force Management (Bureau of Justice)
 - Hostage Negotiator School (Federal Bureau of Investigations)
 - Advanced Drug Investigator School [Drug Enforcement Administration (Maine Criminal Justice Academy)]
 - Drug Investigator School [Drug Enforcement Administration (Maine Criminal Justice Academy)]
 - International Motorcycle Seminar (Drug Enforcement Administration)
 - Narcotic Commander Leadership Program (Drug Enforcement Administration)
 - Operation Jetway (Drug Enforcement Administration)
 - Supervising Drug Task Force School (Drug Enforcement Administration)
 - Advanced Undercover Techniques and Survival (International Association of Undercover Officers)
 - Asset Forfeiture School (Quantico, VA)
 - Clandestine Lab School (Quantico, VA)
 - Money Laundering School (Quantico, VA)
 - Tactical Diversion School (Quantico, VA)
 - NCIS Cold Case Homicide Investigations (Naval Criminal Investigative Service)
 - Community Relations in Law Enforcement (NH Police Standards Training)
 - Interviews and Interrogation School (NH Police Standards Training)
 - Tactical Response Team (Special Weapons and Tactics)
 - Advanced Homicide investigations By Henry Lee
 - Certified Law Enforcement Officer in Maine and New Hampshire
 - Crack Cocaine Street level Drug Seminar
 - International Outlaw Motorcycle Gang Investigators Conference
 - Rave and Club Drug Awareness Seminar
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EDUCATION

- New Hampshire Vocational College (Continuing Education), Portsmouth, New Hampshire
 - Spaulding High School, Rochester, New Hampshire
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REFERENCES UPON REQUEST
