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Sheriff Bruce Zuchowski
Portage County Sheriff's Office
8240 Infirmery Road,
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Dear Sheriff Zuchowski,

On May 14, 2022, the Portage County Sheriff's Office requested BCI to investigate the officer-involved shooting incident resulting in the death of Cora Baughman (BCI case # 2022-1090). As of October 3, 2022, the findings of that investigation have been forwarded to the Portage County Prosecutors Office for review. Absent any requests from the prosecutor's office for follow-up investigation, BCI's involvement in this matter has concluded and our case will be closed.

Consistent with BCI's protocols, this investigation sought the facts and circumstances of the incident and does not include any determinations of fault – the legality of the actions involved will be determined by the prosecutor and/or grand jury. Should you wish a copy of our investigation, it can be provided to you if the prosecutor consents or upon becoming a public record. The return of any items being held as evidence – such as an officer's firearm – can also only be facilitated with the permission of the prosecutor, or once the adjudication of the case is complete.

BCI's investigation does not address any potential policy or procedure violations by your personnel, focusing solely on criminal statutes. Additionally, BCI is not involved in any decisions pertaining to internal discipline or return to work decisions which your department may choose to make.

Thank you for considering the skills and expertise of BCI in helping you resolve this important matter. I appreciate your concerns in handling this matter in a way that promotes the public trust. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly at 330-352-1031.

Very respectfully yours,

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