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Senior Trooper Carl Holiday Bureau of Investigations

VIA PERSONAL DELIVERY 1A#2300029 OLA #P-200035

Re: 80 Hour Suspension

Senior Trooper Holiday:

Pursuant to the authority granted to me as Appointing Authority by State Police Commission Rules 12.2 and 12.8, you are hereby notified that you are suspended from duty without pay and allowances for a total of 80 hours. Your suspension will be served during your scheduled shifts from October 16, 2023 through October 29, 2023.

The Louisiana State Police Commission Rule 12.2 Disciplinary Actions, Removals and Resignations states that disciplinary action can be taken if the Appointing Authority has cause to do so. This suspension is based on your failure to comply with Louisiana State Police (LSP) policies and procedures. Specifically, you have been found in violation of the following two (2) policies:

P.O. 901 Code of Conduct and Ethics 12. Unsatisfactory Performance P.O. 901 Code of Conduct and Ethics 4. Conduct Unbecoming an Officer

You are a commissioned officer with 13 years of experience at LSP. You were first assigned to Troop A in 2009, and were transferred to your current assignment with the Criminal Intelligence Unit ("CIU") in August 2020.

In March 2023, you were named as the primary case agent in a CIU investigation prompted by the complaints of a Mr. David Lucito. Mr. Lucito had frequently contacted the Governor's Office, the Office of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness, and the Louisiana State Police Emergency Operations Center to report that "neuro-weapons" were being used to remotely influence or disrupt the brain functions of citizens, including himself. Because of his frequent calls and the nature of his complaints, Mr. Lucito was known to Governor's Office personnel and

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Louisiana State Police, who had reason to believe that Mr. Lucito suffered from a mental illness. During the course of the CIU investigation, Mr. Lucito continued to call the Governor's Office, the State Capitol, and Louisiana State Police to report the "neuro-weapons" threat.

Accompanied by MT Bergeron and MT Anderson, you proceeded to Mr. Lucito's residence in your unmarked department assigned vehicle (Black Chevrolet Traverse). You drove the vehicle, while MT Anderson sat in the front passenger seat and MT Bergeron sat in the second row, passenger seat.

When you arrived at Mr. Lucito's residence, you found no one waiting outside, and decided to call him directly. You instructed Mr. Lucito to meet you near the end of his driveway on Carlotta Street. You parked your vehicle approximately one (1) block away on East State Street at Carlotta Street. You walked towards Mr. Lucito's residence while MT Bergeron and MT Anderson waited inside the vehicle. You delivered a brown envelope containing a letter, and a blue, metal box to Mr. Lucito. You returned to your vehicle and departed with MT Bergeron and MT Anderson to the Original Dearman's Soda Shop. Later that day, Mr. Lucito published pictures of the letter and the box on Facebook. In the post, Mr. Lucito stated that the letter and the blue box had been delivered to him personally by a Louisiana State Trooper.

On Wednesday, May 3, 2023, Mr. Lucito called Internal Affairs to lodge a complaint against CIU Sergeant (Sgt.) Chase Huval (CR-2300033). According to Mr. Lucito, he had sent several emails to Sgt. Huval and the Fusion Center about "neuro-weapons," gang stalking, and harassment. Mr. Lucito stated that neither Sgt. Huval nor anyone else with the Fusion Center called him to follow-up about his emails. Lieutenant Michelle Jackson called Sgt. Huval and informed him that Mr. Lucito was upset because he had not received a call back. She further informed Sgt. Huval that Mr. Lucito mentioned a blue box and a letter he purportedly received from a Louisiana State Police Trooper. According to Lt. Jackson, Sgt. Huval told her that you had written a letter to Mr. Lucito and delivered it to him along with a small blue electronic box.

The letter you wrote and delivered to Mr. Lucito falsely purported to be from the Louisiana Governor's Office, and advised Mr. Lucito that the blue box which accompanied the letter would provide protection from the "waves" Mr. Lucito had previously complained of. The letter advised that the box should not be tampered with, that all questions and comments regarding the box should be placed in writing, and that Mr. Lucito was not to place any further calls to "any State of Louisiana buildings." The letter further advised Mr. Lucito that, once a month, the blue box would

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be "cleaned of waves and reset." The box was, in fact, a discarded, obsolete electronic component which you had covered in blue paint.

You have admitted that your interaction with Mr. Lucito, including the drafting of the letter and delivery of the letter and the blue box to Mr. Lucito's residence, was devised and undertaken independently, and without the approval or knowledge of your supervisor.

## **DETERMINATIONS**

## 1. Unsatisfactory Performance

During your interview with IA, you admitted you and LSP personnel were aware Mr. Lucito suffered from a mental illness and was already agitated with his concerns of "neuro weapons" and the like. You were unaware of any potential threat he may have posed to others due to your actions. You further stated you knew LSP Policy and Procedure required you to obtain approval before executing your plan involving Mr. Lucito. Prior to you executing your plan, you did not obtain the required approval, nor did you disclose your plan to your supervisor, Sgt. Chase Huval. Your actions are in violation of Louisiana State Police Procedural Order 901 — Code of Conduct and Ethics — 12. Unsatisfactory Performance, which states in part:

- i) A commissioned officer shall maintain a competency level sufficient to properly perform his duties and assume the responsibilities of his position. Officers shall perform their duties in such a manner as to maintain the highest standards of efficiency. Unsatisfactory performance may be demonstrated by:
  - a) A lack of knowledge in the application of laws required to be enforced.
  - b) An unwillingness or inability to perform assigned task.
  - c) A failure to conform to work standards established for the officer's rank, grade or position.
  - d) A failure to take the appropriate action on the occasion of a crime, disorder or other matter deserving attention.
  - e) An absence without leave.
  - f) Repeated poor evaluations.

## 2. Conduct Unbecoming an Officer

You have admitted that you authored the letter to Mr. Lucito, in which you misrepresented yourself as an agent of the Governor's Office and deliberately included false information, and that you delivered the letter to Mr. Lucito. Mr. Lucito posted the contents of the letter and images of the blue box on a public, social media platform, and stated that a Louisiana State Police Trooper delivered the letter and the box to him. Your actions are in violation of Louisiana State Police Procedural Order 901 – Code of Conduct and Ethics – 4. Conduct Unbecoming an Officer, which states in part:

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- A commissioned officer shall conduct himself at all times, both on and off-duty, in such a manner as to reflect most favorably on himself and the Department.
- ii) Unbecoming conduct is defined as conduct which:
  - a) Brings the Department or any of its subdivisions into disrepute.
  - b) Reflects discredit upon the officer as a member of the Department.
  - c) Impairs the operations or efficiency of the Department, the officer, or state service.
  - d) Detrimentally affects the morale of the Department's personnel.
  - e) May reasonably be expected to destroy public respect for State Police Officers and/or confidence in the Office of State Police.

For the above listed policy violations, it is my intention to suspend you without pay for a total of 80 hours:

P.O. 901 Code of Conduct and Ethics 12: Unsatisfactory Performance
P.O. 901 Code of Conduct and Ethics 4: Conduct Unbecoming

20 hours
60 hours

For the above stated violations of policy, I am suspending you without pay for 80 hours. The suspension is from October 16, 2023 through October 29, 2023. Any future violations of this or any other nature may result in more severe discipline, up to and including termination.

You have the right to appeal this action to the Louisiana State Police Commission. The time limits and procedure for appealing are contained in Chapter 13 of the State Police Commission Rules. A copy of Chapter 13 can be obtained from the Louisiana State Police Commission. The Commission's current mailing address is P.O. Box 66555, Baton Rouge, LA 70896-6555. Their current telephone number is (225) 925-7057 and their fax number is (225) 925-7058.

Sincerely,

Colonel Lamar A. Davis

Superintendent, Louisiana State Police

Lt. Col. Chavez Cammon; Lt. Col. Treone Larvadain; Major Trevor Smith;
 Captain Johnnie Brown; Internal Affairs; Office of Legal Affairs