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ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

KEVIN R. HARDWICK

August 19, 2025

Hon. Leticia James
New York State Attorney General
The Capitol
Albany, NY 12224-0341

**Re: Request for Investigation into the Actions of Erie County Sheriff's Office
Senior Detective (Narcotics) Daniel "D.J." Granville**

Dear Attorney General James:

As you are likely aware, on April 11, 2024, Erie County Sheriff's Office Senior Detective (Narcotics) Daniel ("DJ") Granville was involved in an incident in his County 24-hour take-home vehicle whereby he severely damaged seven parked vehicles and his County vehicle.

This incident did not become known until March 11, 2025 when Buffalo-area media outlets reported what had occurred.

On August 15, 2025, based on an investigation by a special prosecutor, Mr. Granville pled guilty to two criminal misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and leaving the scene of an accident that caused property damage. I understand that the Buffalo Police Department and the Erie County Sheriff's Office may be conducting internal investigations.

Given the additional information that has come to light, including that Buffalo Police officers refused to cooperate with the Niagara County District Attorney's inquiry, I would like to join Buffalo Councilmember David Rivera in requesting that your office conduct an independent investigation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. R. Hardwick", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin R. Hardwick, Ph.D.
Erie County Comptroller

cc: Erie County Legislature