



ERIE COUNTY COMPTROLLER

KEVIN R. HARDWICK

April 11, 2025

Dr. Brian Bray, Erie County Commissioner of Personnel
Department of Personnel
95 Franklin Street, Sixth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Daniel J. Granville Potential Separation from Service and Cash Out of Leave Balances

Dear Commissioner Bray:

As you know, there is an ongoing Buffalo Police internal affairs investigation concerning events that transpired on April 11, 2024 involving Erie County Sheriff's Office Senior Detective Daniel Granville while he was driving his County-issued take home vehicle. The Sheriff's Office has also publicly stated that their office is conducting some form of investigation, although its status is unknown.

Since March 13, 2025, after this matter became public, Mr. Granville has been utilizing sick leave and not reporting to work. It is possible that Mr. Granville may seek to resign or retire in the near future. If so, he would be entitled to certain benefits pursuant to the collective bargaining agreement between Erie County and the Erie County Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association, of which he is a member. This includes a cash out of certain unused leave balances.

I am writing to respectfully request that in the event Mr. Granville does separate from service, the Department of Personnel refrains from issuing any lump sum payments (cash-out) of unused vacation or personal time to Mr. Granville pending the results of various investigations, legislative oversight, and possible action by the special prosecutor appointed to review this matter.

It is not my intention to impede Mr. Granville's receipt of any benefits which he has earned under Erie County's personnel policies, the PBA contract, or Civil Service Law. However, given the conflicting information about whether Mr. Granville was on duty or off duty at the time of the incident, and tens of thousands of dollars in payments that the County has already made or may be required to make to property owners whose vehicles were damaged by Mr. Granville, it makes sense that we proceed with caution.

My interest in sending you this letter, therefore, is simply to preserve the County's ability, if necessary and appropriate, to recoup funds from Mr. Granville from his payroll or cash out of unused time balances, to cover the costs of the damage he caused on April 11, 2024. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

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