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RE: Retirement Application

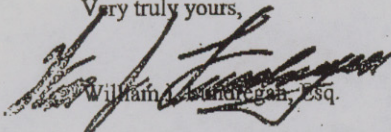
Dear Mr. Cullen:

This office represents the Essex Regional Retirement Board (ERRB). The ERRB acknowledges receipt of your retirement application.

As you know, you are currently the subject of an investigation into possible criminal conduct committed by yourself while acting within the scope of your employment as the Chief of Police of the Town of Hamilton. Mass.Gen.L. c. 32, sec. 15(4) provides for forfeiture of pension rights upon final conviction of a violation of laws applicable to the employee's office or position. Mass.Gen.L. c. 32, secs. 10(1) and (2) provide for forfeiture of pension rights if an employee retires or otherwise leaves office for reasons involving moral turpitude. Other statutes also provide or relate to forfeiture of pension rights due to an employee's commission of criminal or other offenses.

Therefore, please be advised that the ERRB is holding your retirement application in abeyance and will take no action thereon pending the outcome of the present criminal investigation and any ensuing court action.

Very truly yours,



William J. Lundregan, Esq.

cc: Timothy A. Bassett, Chairman
Essex Regional Retirement System