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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to grant a salary increment to Stephen P. Johnson, Criminal Investigator (Position #9U606, Appropriation #02-20-200510-2610-014-500134), from a salary level of \$76,427.52 (LG BB, Step 6) to a salary level of \$80,186.08 (LG BB, Step 7), effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval or January 15, 2021, whichever is later.

EXPLANATION

In accordance with NH RSA 94:1-a, I(a), Stephen Johnson is eligible for a salary increment, subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council. Mr. Johnson made significant contributions to this office during the past year as a Criminal Investigator in the Criminal Justice Bureau. As such, he should be recognized with an increase to the next step of the salary schedule. Mr. Johnson's salary will increase by \$3,758.56. A copy of his resume is attached.

I respectfully urge your favorable consideration of this request. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon J. MacDonald
Attorney General

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Mr. Stephen P. Johnson

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EXPERIENCE

Uniform Trooper-K-9 handler

Massachusetts State Police-Uniform branch, Framingham, MA July' 1982 – July 1987

1982-1987-Uniform Trooper working western and central Massachusetts barracks. I conducted typical patrol functions including traffic enforcement, domestic abuse, and burglary investigations, and made arrests of individuals involved in motor vehicle offenses, armed robberies, drug trafficking, and illegal weapons crimes.

1984-1987-I was assigned as a K-9 handler in addition to my regular patrol work. I was involved in missing person's cases, crowd control incidents, and numerous searches for fleeing and wanted suspects.

Investigator-Detective Lieutenant

Massachusetts State Police-Division of Investigative Services, Framingham, MA July 1987-January 2017

1987-1993-Narcotics Investigator with the Worcester County District Attorney's Office (Major Frank Moore MSP (ret.) 508-380-4764) conducting undercover assignments (350 plus undercover buys), authoring affidavits for search warrants (500 plus written) and involving the use and handling of confidential informants (50+). I was also for a time the units' contraband officer organizing, cataloging, and photographing extensive narcotics related evidence including large sums of cash. My duties also included the supervising and coordination of investigations for an area drug task force comprised of ten local departments (1989-1992) (North Worcester County Drug Task Force). I also testified (100+ times) in grand juries and at state and federal trials, often as an expert in drug identification and investigations, as well as regarding drug related records. Additionally I conducted a multi-agency task force investigation (state police detectives, Lancaster Police, DEA and ATF) that culminated in indictment of nine individuals for smuggling and distribution of cocaine, marihuana and hashish (US v. Catalucci, S/A Norman Houle DEA (ret.) 603-833-1797).

1993-2004-Organized Crime Investigator with the State Police Special Service Section (SSS). I conducting organized crime related investigations, often employing electronic surveillance as an affiant, monitor and later as a supervisor (50+). I was involved in the planning, coordination and completion of these lengthy organized crime investigations and was thoroughly involved in their prosecution. These investigations took place primarily in Eastern Massachusetts region, in both North and South Shore communities and Cape Cod (Colonel Thomas Foley MSP (Ret.) 508-277-9332). Additionally I was the co-case agent in the federal prosecutions of James J "Whitey" Bulger and his associates (AUSA Fred Wyshak 617-748-3201), which included several law enforcement corruption cases (Florida v. John Connolly etc.). This work included gathering

evidence for complex money laundering counts with extensive financial paper and electronic records both with and without IRS-CI assistance. I participated in the documentation and recovery at crime scenes of the remains of six murder victims, and the overall clearance of more than fifty cold case homicides. I also was involved in the handling and debriefing of several high profile WITSEC cooperators (to include John Martorano, Stephen Flemmi, Kevin Weeks) along with the development of hundreds of other significant witnesses. This case required the extensive cooperative effort of state police, Boston Police DEA, IRS-CI, DOJ-IG, FBI and the US Attorney's Office. During this same time period, I remained with the Special Service Section after being promoted to Sergeant, and supervised the Technical Services Unit, which facilitated wiretap, video surveillance, telephone data analysis and GPS technology for state, federal, and local law enforcement.

2004-2012-Commanding Officer (Detective Lieutenant) of the Special Service Section which was comprised then of two organized crime squads (Eastern and Western Massachusetts), a state wide Human Trafficking team, and two financial crimes groups. I continued to supervise the Technical Services Unit which remained under the section's command at that time. I commanded the detectives and their supervisors conducting these types of criminal investigations and monitored and cataloged all of the sections confidential informants. This section was involved primarily in electronic surveillance cases, and I have often been called upon to advise various state police detective units, local police departments, district attorneys' offices, and the state police administration on how to successfully conduct these types of wiretap related investigations (Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Cape and Islands, Essex and Bristol District Attorneys, etc. Lieutenant Colonel Dermot Quinn MSP 617-590-1450)

2012-2013 Co-lead case agent in the federal RICO prosecution of James J Bulger. I was responsible to gather evidence and managing witnesses concerning nineteen homicides, drug trafficking, extortion, and other related counts prior to, and during the trial.

2013-January 2017-Commanding Officer of the State Office of Investigation in Boston (SOI), supervising investigative units attached to various state agencies. These units include a group that conducts background investigations for all major appointments by the Governor's Office (including all judicial appointments). Another unit which I supervise conducts financial and lottery investigations for the office of the State Treasurer. I also supervise a five person investigative unit attached to the Massachusetts Disabled Person's Protection Commission that focuses on these specific types of crime victims. (Major Joseph Duggan MSP 978-844-0137)

2013-January 2017-Lead investigator for the retrial, US v. Gary Lee Sampson, (AUSA Zachary Hafer 617-748-3106), a federal death penalty case. This prosecution involved three homicides committed in 2001, in Eastern Massachusetts and New Hampshire, several bank robberies committed in North Carolina, and more than seventy witnesses along with all aspects of jury selection. At trial, Sampson was convicted on January 12, 2017 by a jury, and was later sentenced to death.

Investigator-New Hampshire Attorney General's Office

January 2017 to Present-Investigator assigned to the Criminal Bureau, and in the Drug Unit investigating and assisting in the prosecution of deaths resulting from the sales of illegal drugs.

February 2017 to Present-Task force member investigating the homicide of Denise Robert, in Manchester, on August 30, 2015.

EDUCATION

Master of Arts (Criminal Justice)

Anna Maria College, Paxton, MA August 1986

Bachelor of Arts (Criminal Justice)

Clark University, Worcester, MA April 1978

AWARDS

2014-Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Distinguished Service (the second highest federal law enforcement award)

2004 Department of Justice Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service (the highest federal law enforcement award)

2004- Massachusetts State Police-Medal of Merit.

2001- New England Narcotics Enforcement Officers Association President's Award