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September 6, 2023

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 appoint Thomas J. Rees, Position #9U580 (Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-3310-014-500134), as a Criminal Investigator at a salary level of \$69,127 (LG BB, Step 2) effective upon Governor and Executive Council approval, or September 22, 2023, whichever is later, through a term ending July 1, 2028.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Rees, a Hillsborough resident, earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from University of New Hampshire in 2014 and is currently pursuing his Master's in Human Services from New England College. He served in the U.S. Army from 2015 to 2019 as an Ammunition Specialist. During his military service, which included deployment to Iraq, he earned an Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, and Operation Enduring Freedom Medal. Following his honorable discharge from the Army, Mr. Rees served as a police officer with the Concord Police Department from 2019 to 2022. In addition to his patrol duties, he was designated as an evidence technician, accident reconstruction team member, and patrol shift rifleman. Since leaving the police department, he has been employed as a Pretrial Officer with the Merrimack County Pretrial Services Office where he supervises an average case load of 50 criminal defendants released on bail, leads a weekly men's recovery group, and teaches a weekly life skills class. Mr. Rees will be assigned to the Consumer Protection and Anti-Trust Bureau's Financial Fraud Unit. Given his relevant experience and expertise, a salary of \$69,127 (LG BB, Step 2) is requested. His resume is attached for your consideration.

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I am very pleased to offer Mr. Rees for this appointment and respectfully urge your favorable consideration. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



John M. Formella
Attorney General

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Thomas Joseph Rees

Summary: Intuitive, educated, and highly trained professional with multiple years of law enforcement experience in a highly disciplined and collaborative environment. Experience in investigations, evidence collection, case management, supervision, New Hampshire and constitutional law. Seeking an opportunity to display my critical thinking expertise as a Law Enforcement Investigator for the New Hampshire Department of Justice.

Experience:

Merrimack County Pretrial Services: *Pretrial Officer*, May 2022 to Present

- Supervised an average client case load of approximately fifty criminal offenders who were released on bail awaiting their court dates.
- Lead a weekly men's recovery group for clients in both the Pretrial Program and Diversion Program resulting in dozens of clients completing their programming.
- Taught a weekly life skills class called Thinking for a Change which allowed countless clients to complete their required programming.
- Collaborated with private, public, and prosecuting attorneys in order to ensure that clients are aware of any changes in their bail conditions and updated court dates.
- Monitored clients who were subject to electronic GPS monitoring as well as electronic alcohol monitoring. Responsible for coordinating with local law enforcement if and when clients entered exclusion or protected geographical areas.

Concord, New Hampshire Police Department: *Police Officer*, August 2019 to May 2022

- Responded to calls for service, enforced New Hampshire and constitutional law, engaged in community policing events. Investigated numerous reported crimes resulting in successful applications for warrants and convictions.
- Selected as an Evidence Technician for the patrol shift. Responsible for identifying, seizing, and collecting multiple pieces of key evidence for high profile investigations. Highly trained on proper seizure, collection, and storage of various types of evidence.
- Selected as a member of the accident reconstruction team. Trained on accident investigations, using technology to recreate an accident, and worked in a team environment in order to determine the exact cause of a motor vehicle accident.
- Built a strong relationship with members of the Concord, NH community. My communication and problem-solving skills allowed me to develop rapport with numerous citizens.
- Selected as a rifleman for the patrol shift. Trained with and utilized my department issued rifle for high risk calls for service.

United States Army: *Ammunition Specialist*, March 2015 to March 2019

- Responsible for over \$20 million dollars' worth of ammunition while deployed to Iraq. Issued and stored various types and amounts of ammunition for several different countries' militaries in addition to supplying the entire countries of Iraq and Syria, equaling six different forward operating bases.
- Assisted in building and guarding the largest ammunition supply point in Iraq. This allowed more ammunition to be moved into the area which was paramount to the successful defeat of Isis in Mosul.
- While working in the ammunition supply point, loaded and secured highly explosive ammunition and transported said ammunition to several different forward operating bases in Iraq.
- In charge of leading, training, and mentoring a squad of five soldiers. Utilized time management skills by delegating soldiers to different tasks in order to complete the mission.

Education:

New England College: *Masters, Human Services, 2024*

University of New Hampshire: *Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, Minor, Justice Studies, 2014*

Training:

Merrimack County Pretrial Services: Case management, Helping Men Recover, Thinking for a Change, Certified corrections officer.

Concord Police Department: New Hampshire and constitutional law, investigations, firearms, evidence collection.

United States Army: Firearms, ammunition, combat life saver, leadership, adversity, diversity.

Skills and Certifications: Investigations, effective communication, collaboration, certified New Hampshire police officer, certified Merrimack County corrections officer, evidence collection, first aide, conflict resolution, critical thinking.

Awards: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal (2), Army Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal, Overseas ribbon, Operation Enduring Freedom Medal, Army Driver's badge.