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Thefts from Evidence Room Investigations Update June 5, 2015

On May 1, 2015, the State College Police Department reported to the public that on April 22, 2015, the State College Police Department discovered evidence of thefts from the police department's evidence room. At that time, the department had identified the specific police officer suspected to have been involved in the thefts and that police officer remains on leave and continues to have no access to the police facility and any police systems. At the request of Chief King, the criminal investigation is being conducted by the Pennsylvania State Police, Troop G, Hollidaysburg.

In an effort to keep the public informed the following update is being provided. The assigned Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) investigators, in conjunction with the State College Police Department, conducted a complete audit of the police department's evidence room last month. As a result of that audit, it was discovered that numerous envelopes containing drug evidence, specifically oxycodone and cocaine, had been tampered with and/or stolen. The majority of the drug evidence tampered with and/or stolen was from criminal cases that have already been completely through the court process and had been awaiting proper destruction by order of the Court. No other evidence such as money, guns, jewelry or any other non-drug evidence was tampered with and/or stolen.

PSP investigators seized all envelopes containing drug evidence that had been or appeared to have been tampered with and have resubmitted that drug evidence to the PSP laboratory for an additional lab analysis. This additional analysis will confirm what drugs were tampered with, stolen, and/or altered in any way. Once that lab analysis is completed, the PSP investigator will file the appropriate criminal charges against the State College Police officer who engaged in this illegal activity.

In addition to the criminal investigation being conducted by PSP, the State College Police Department is continuing with a separate internal investigation. Once the internal investigation has been concluded and required employment processes completed, appropriate employment action will be taken against the involved police officer. Because this investigation involves a personnel matter, the State College Police Department is unable to provide any further information related to the internal affairs investigation at this time.

The next update on this matter is expected after the lab analysis is completed and PSP has filed the appropriate criminal charges. At that time, the name of the involved police officer will be made public through the filing of a criminal complaint.

Chief Thomas R. King