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On 11/7/2022, the criminal investigations unit of the Pocono Mountain Regional Police began an investigation involving allegations by the Pocono Mountain School District regarding a violation of the Wiretap Act.

Police learned that on October 6th, 2022, a student reported to the School District that they had lost their wallet while attending an after school function. The school district conducted an investigation leading to a series of internal meetings and hearings involving one Galvin Dudley who was employed as a custodian for the school district. During these meetings, it was discovered that Dudley was surreptitiously recording audio and video of the meeting with his cellular device.

During a subsequent hearing with the school district, when questioned by the School Districts attorney, with a stenographer present and recording, Dudley admitted to recording the prior meeting, but claimed he ceased recording when asked and had advised school staff that he was recording. Dudley also claimed during that meeting, another union employee had used racial slurs towards him and that he had captured this on video and audio as well. Due to the admission to the wiretap violation, the school district filed a complaint with the Pocono Mountain Regional Police.

On November 23rd, the Pocono Mountain Regional Police investigative unit served a search warrant at Dudley's residence to secure and preserve his cellular device. This search warrant was reviewed and approved by the Monroe County District Attorney's Office and the Magisterial District Judge. Police did secure his cellular device at that time. Investigators logged and preserved the cellular device and its contents pursuant to accredited standards, policy, and best practices. That cellular device was forensically examined and the contents of the phone were captured and preserved. It should be noted that Dudley asserted claims that the contents of his phone, including the assertion that he captured racial comments made by the other union employee, had been "wiped" by the Pocono Mountain Regional Police. This assertion is not factual.

A forensic capture of a cellular device not only captures content on the device but will also indicate any files that have been deleted. No files, videos, or other content has been deleted since the device was secured by police investigators. This device will also be made available to Mr. Dudley's defense team for their own forensic evaluation.

The Pocono Mountain Regional Police are confident that Mr. Dudley's experts will come to the same conclusion that the phone has not been "wiped" as asserted by Dudley. It should also be noted that any attempt to remote into a phone, whether for lawful or unlawful purpose, after it has been forensically secured, may give the appearance that files are missing or have been deleted. The PMRPD assures that all files, videos and other content that was present upon collection is currently preserved.

The examination of the phone and the videos revealed that Dudley captured 3 videos on October 7th. The videos revealed that Dudley did surreptitiously capture audio and video recordings in violation of law. It was noticed by school district staff that Dudley was recording, at which point they asked him to cease. The district further advised Mr. Dudley of the illegalities of wiretapping. Mr. Dudley continued the recording, contradicting his statement recorded by the stenographer at the subsequent district hearing. The recordings did not reveal any interaction between Dudley and the other union employee whereby racial slurs were used. The recordings also did not depict Mr. Dudley advising anyone that he was recording, again contradicting his statement made to the stenographer during the subsequent district hearing.