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## Media Release

**Date/Time of Release: 03/24/2022**

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**Media Release issued by: Dep. Chief Roger Anthony**

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On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 an investigation into allegations that William T. Morrissey was engaging in an improper relationship with a minor student enrolled in the Auburn School District was initiated by the City of Auburn. The Cayuga County Sheriff’s Office then initiated a criminal investigation on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. William T. Morrissey was hired as a Police Officer with the City of Auburn on March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Morrissey was assigned to the Auburn School District as a School Resource Officer in 2018. Upon being made aware of the allegations that Morrissey was pursuing a relationship with the minor student, Morrissey immediately removed from school grounds and suspended from employment with the Auburn Police Department.

As a result of the internal investigation into this alleged relationship with the minor student, it was determined that overwhelming evidence exists to support that Morrissey was in fact pursuing and engaging in a relationship with the student. As of March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 12:00 pm, Morrissey’s employment with the City of Auburn Police Department was terminated for cause.

Morrissey’s actions are in direct conflict with everything we expect from an officer with the Auburn Police Department. The Auburn Police Department members and administration will strive forward with our dedicated and ethical personnel to overcome the actions of one officer to continue the excellent service our community expects.