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Sheriff Derek R. Osborne
Tompkins County Sheriff's Office
779 Warren Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

Via Email

Re: Letter regarding Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Dep. Dalton Kenney, OAG
Matter No. 1-818040268

Dear Sheriff Osborne,

We have reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Dep. Dalton Kenney from December 2022 to July 2024. Based on our review, we have not made a finding of a pattern or practice of misconduct, use of excessive force, or acts of dishonesty by Dep. Kenney.

However, we agree with the Sheriff's Office's decision to counsel and retrain Dep. Kenney. Based on the complaints we reviewed, we believe that training that emphasizes the need to have founded suspicion to justify a canine dog sniff is appropriate here.

We appreciate the cooperation of you and your agency.

Thank you,

Sean Bunny
Assistant Attorney General

Tyler Nims
Chief, Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office