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Via E-mail
Sheriff Mark Helms
Cortland County Sheriff's Office
54 Greenbush Street
Cortland, NY 13045

Re: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Sergeant Kurtis Ayres
OAG Matter No. 1-817675668

Dear Sheriff Helms,

We have reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Sergeant Kurtis Ayres from September 2023 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 failure to act by Sergeant Ayres.

We appreciate the cooperation of you and your agency.

Thank you,

s/ Tyler Nims
Chief, Law Enforcement Misconduct Investigative Office
New York State Office of the Attorney General