



**Office of the New York State  
Attorney General**

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Attorney General**

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April 28, 2026

Chief Mark Rusin  
Syracuse Police Department  
1153 W. Fayette St.  
Syracuse, New York 13204

***Via Email***

Re: Executive Law § 75(5)(b) Referral of Police Officer Margaret Benedict  
OAG Matter No. 1-818319738

Dear Chief Rusin,

The Office of the New York State Attorney General has reviewed your agency's Executive Law § 75(5)(b) referral of complaints involving Officer Margaret Benedict from December 2023 to January 2025.

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 Officer Benedict with respect to the referred complaints.

We appreciate the cooperation of you and your agency.

Sincerely,

Tina Peng  
Assistant Attorney General

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