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**WATERFORD TOWNSHIP POLICE CHIEF WILL NOT BE CHARGED
RELATED TO REMOVAL OF MILLAGE CAMPAIGN SIGN**

FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton has announced that his office will not authorize criminal charges against Waterford Township Police Chief Daniel McCaw in relation to the removal of a campaign sign.

The incident occurred on July 18, 2014. McCaw was observed removing a campaign sign that read “Vote No on the Millage It’s a tax increase!”

The matter was investigated by the Michigan State Police. The Oakland County Prosecutor’s Office recused itself due to a conflict of interest. In December, the Michigan Attorney General’s Office assigned the matter to the Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office.

After a complete review of the evidence presented by the State Police, Prosecutor Leyton determined that probable cause does not exist that McCaw had committed a crime.

The investigation shows the location of the sign in the ground when it was removed by McCaw was illegally placed in the public right-of-way. As Chief of Police for Waterford Township, McCaw was within the realm of his official duties in choosing to remove the sign in question from the right-of-way.

Leyton stated that the fact McCaw may have chosen to remove some signs and not others was irrelevant as to the question of whether a crime was committed.

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