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TO: VFSAAA Nominating Committee
FROM: Major T. West
RE: 2023 Nomination for Investigator Jason Stump
DATE: July 21, 2023

It is a pleasure to nominate Investigator Jason Stump for his outstanding service to the County of York and its citizens. Investigator Stump has worked for the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office for 20-years, many of which have been spent investigating the most serious crimes that occur in York County. I have had the distinct pleasure of supervising Jason over the past 7-years and his performance, skill, knowledge and ability never ceases to amaze me. Beyond his work performance, Jason is one of the most upstanding, honest, and dedicated people to serve. Jason epitomizes what it means to be a public servant and the administration of the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office feels fortunate to have such an honorable person working for our agency.

Jason's skill as an investigator and specifically his expertise in crime scene management/techniques is the bedrock of our most serious cases. From the point that I assumed command of our Investigations Division, Jason has been assigned full responsibility of crime scene management, evidence collection/packaging, photography, and documentation for all homicide cases and other major crimes against persons. Some of the highlights of Jason's casework include a sibling homicide where the evidence was so compelling that the offender chose a bench trial over a jury and was convicted in short order with little in the way of a defense against the overwhelming facts brought forward by Investigator Stump. Jason was an integral part of prosecuting a man who committed a double homicide of his sister and mother. This was a particularly tough case as the women had been missing for approximately 5-weeks and were severely decomposed once discovered. Investigator Stump's efforts have helped to resolve a variety of serious crimes and been a pivotal point of convicting those who bring harm to others.

The most recent example of Investigator Stumps skills involved the death of a young lady in May of 2023. At approximately 06:30am, the York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office received a call from a citizen that there was a person on the side of the road in a somewhat remote area of York County. Deputies responded to find a deceased female on the side of the road. The victim appeared to have died as a result of trauma and we had no information about her circumstances or identification. Investigator Stump responded and took immediate charge of the crime scene. As a result of the combined efforts of Investigator Stump and the Investigations Division, the YPSO was able to identify the victim, identify five offenders, and

develop probable cause to obtain numerous warrants on each of the offenders. What started as a "Jane Doe who-done-it" resulted in multiple arrests within four days. Though I credit the entire team with their work, Investigator Stump is a pinnacle team member whose work is essential in our success.

I could go on-and-on about the cases that Jason has worked and the success that the YPSO has seen as a result of his skill. The simple fact is, Jason Stump is a genuinely talented crime scene investigator and sets the standard for what a dedicated law enforcement officer should be. We are proud to have him in York County and honored to work with him.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,



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