

**STATEMENT OF  
NEW HAMPSHIRE TROOPERS ASSOCIATION  
CONCERNING TROOPER FIRST CLASS FRANCISCO VICENTE**

The New Hampshire Troopers Association (“NHTA”) is the certified exclusive representative of all troopers and sergeants employed by the State of New Hampshire, Department of Safety, Division of State Police. In this capacity, the NHTA had the privilege and honor of representing TFC Francisco Vicente concerning a unfounded complaint concerning testimony provided on October 9, 2018 at a Federal Suppression Hearing. The testimony provided by TFC Vicente was questioned and an internal affairs investigation regarding a violation of Professional Standards of Conduct Sub-Section 1.4.8 Integrity was conducted by the New Hampshire State Police. 1.4.8 provides as follows:

No Division Member shall, under any circumstances, make any false official statement or intentional misrepresentation of facts. Any Division Member who becomes aware that another Division Member has made a false statement or intentional misrepresentation of facts shall, without delay, inform his or her Commanding Officer. Any Division Member who becomes aware that any person has provided false information to a superior, shall inform the superior as soon as possible.

After a thorough and comprehensive investigation, the State of New Hampshire deemed the allegations of a violation of 1.4.8 of the Professional Standards of Conduct to be unfounded. The New Hampshire State Police defines unfounded as, “a determination that the allegation(s) is false or not factual.” See, Professional Standards of Conduct.

In addition, during the investigation, two (2) additional concerns were investigated during the investigation concerning collusion with members of the Lowell Police Department to produce a factually accurate search warrant affidavit and whether TFC Vicente should have known that the search warrant affidavit was materially inaccurate. Again, after a complete and thorough investigation by the New Hampshire State Police Professional Standards Unit, the State found that the allegations of collusion were unfounded and the allegations of knowledge of materially inaccurate search warrant affidavit was not sustained. The State of New Hampshire Professional Standards of Conduct defines not sustained as, “a determination that the facts presented are insufficient to clearly prove or disprove the allegation.”

This matter has been concluded and TFC Vicente has been vindicated and his integrity and professionalism remain unblemished by false allegations. The New Hampshire Troopers Association is proud to support and assist TFC Vicente in reaching this favorable resolution.

TFC Vicente did not participate in the investigation conducted by the Lowell Police Commission as it lacks jurisdiction in this matter as it relates to TFC Vincente. Further, as TFC Vincente has already been vindicated any further expenditure of resources is unnecessary.