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Macomb County Prosecutor's Office Provides Update on Legal Issues and Policies During Meeting with County Wide Detectives

Mount Clemens, MI - The Macomb County Prosecuting Attorney's Office held a meeting yesterday afternoon to provide countywide detectives with an update on legal issues and the operations of the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office. The meeting was attended by detectives from police agencies throughout the county. This was the third in an on-going series of such meetings, which take place in Sterling Heights.

Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido addressed pending Red Flag Laws and provided information about his policy to request mental health assessments be a condition of bond in gun crimes.

"Our partnership with law enforcement is crucial in addressing gun crimes and making our communities safer. Meetings like this provide an opportunity for us to discuss policies, share information, and work together towards our common goal of reducing crime, including gun violence," said Macomb County Prosecutor Peter J. Lucido. "We remain committed to using every tool at our disposal to hold accountable those who break the law and put our communities at risk."

The meeting covered various topics, including the use of facial recognition technology in criminal cases, electronic discovery improvements, conviction integrity, senior crimes, and legal updates.

Chief Assistant Prosecutor Donn Fresard provided insights on the Brady/Giglio Issue. Brady/Giglio issues refer to the legal requirement to disclose exculpatory evidence (known as Brady material) and impeachment evidence (known as Giglio material) to the defense in criminal cases, which could impact the defendant's guilt or innocence.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Warrant Unit Chief John Paul Hunt was the master of ceremonies and also discussed issues regarding the use of facial recognition technology in any criminal case presented for a warrant request. Additionally, the meeting covered improvements to electronic discovery, including submitting supplemental discovery via a special email. An update was provided regarding a new law enforcement portal being implemented by the office that will help officers get information they need regarding their warrant requests and cases.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and newly appointed Criminal Sexual Conduct / Child Protection Unit Chief Stephanie Stager gave an update regarding progress in her unit, including child homicide reviews.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Conviction Integrity Unit Chief Gail Pamukof shared information about the unit, which recently set aside a conviction. The meeting also included an update from Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dan DeBruin in the Senior Crimes Unit, and the upcoming use of investigative subpoenas by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jonathan Mycek.

The meeting concluded with an update regarding training offered by Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Jurij Fedorak for detectives, and also an update from Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Emil Semaan who explained how police agencies may request training from the Prosecutor's Office for police officers, which training will include actual cross examination drills.

The Prosecutor's Office holds these meetings several times throughout the year to maintain transparency and connect with all law enforcement.

Prosecutor Lucido said that it is vital to have ongoing discussions with the Macomb County Prosecutor's Office and law enforcement to continually improve serving the residents of Macomb County and provide access to justice for the citizens of the county.

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