



Borough of Chambersburg

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With regard to the outside Pennsylvania State Police investigation, concerning two (2) missing night vision goggles, Trooper Scott Masci informed Sergeant Rick Morrissette that he is officially closing the investigation.

Investigator Masci relayed to Sergeant Morrissette that he was not able to produce any evidence, linking criminal behavior to any of our officers. Masci also prepared an official document summarizing his investigation, which is enclosed with this news release.

The two missing goggles have been entered into National Crime Information Center as lost and should anyone try to sell them, in a legitimate manner, the Chambersburg Police Department will be notified.

Trooper Masci told Sergeant Morrissette that he was very impressed with our member's professionalism and willingness to cooperate in this sensitive matter. In short, Trooper Masci stated, "You have a great group of guys." Both Sergeant Morrissette and I are in complete agreement with Trooper Masci's statement.

Having had this matter investigated by an impartial outside agency, we feel our Department's integrity is intact. Our police officers' willingness to be open and transparent is yet another good sign that we have a professional police force.

ENCLOSED: Letter from Pennsylvania Trooper Scott Masci

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To: SGT Richard Morrissette
Subject: Criminal Investigation Missing Night Vision Goggles.

On 03/10/16, I was assigned to conduct a criminal investigation into a pair of missing Night Vision Goggles (NVG'S), from Chambersburg Police Department, by Sgt. William J MCAREAVY my Criminal Investigative Section Supervisor. The Special Emergency Team (SET) from Chambersburg Boro Police, disbanded in 2014 and the items were unable to be located. The items belonged to the South Central Task Team.

During my investigation, I interviewed all active members of the police department that were involved with the SET Team. All members cooperated with the investigation. Multiple interviews were done with inactive members as well. A search of multiple pawn shops and online stores yielded negative results for the NVG'S.

The investigation was terminated due to this officer being unable to determine if the items were stolen, lost, or misplaced. This investigation will be re-opened if any other pertinent information becomes available. The missing items were entered into NCIC on 05/06/16.

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