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To whom it may concern:

I served the citizens of the State of Louisiana honorably for 26 years and 5 months. First as a Louisiana State Police Trooper and then a State Police Sergeant. All my years of service were in a patrol capacity, working nights, days, weekends, and holidays, sacrificing time with my family for over 26 years. Each and every day that I put my uniform on, I treated the citizens with respect, dignity, and kindness, always doing whatever I possibly could to make every citizen encounter a positive one. Throughout my 26 years of service, I had two written reprimands in my disciplinary file, one for missing an administrative hearing and the other for an at-fault fleet crash.

On September 30, 2024, I was accused of theft by skip-scanning, a crime I did not commit. I was suffering a serious side effect of a statin medication (statin-induced encephalopathy or toxic metabolic encephalopathy). On October 2, 2024, while in custody dealing with the accusations of skip-scanning, I was moved into a second interview room without audio or video recording, handcuffed to a desk, and presented with my official retirement documents by XXXXXXXXXXXX. The XXXXXXXX used my son as leverage and even negotiated charges in obtaining my retirement. I also informed the XXXXXXXX and the XXXXXXXX that I had been experiencing neurological issues prior to being presented with the retirement documents.

My hope is that no one else will go through what my family and I have been through. We suffered tremendously and are still suffering.

The pages below list in detail the seriousness of everything that occurred, what effect the medication had, and how my retirement was handled from June 27, 2024, until February 25, 2026. Everything was written when it occurred and later compiled for this document.

Respectfully,

Huey Galmiche

I was a patient of Doctor XXXXXXXX, MD, XXXXXXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX with the XXXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXXX, Louisiana, 70435. I had a twenty-plus-year history of cardiac care with this physician for borderline high cholesterol issues. Doctor XXXXXX also acted as my primary care physician. On January 16, 2018, I had an angiogram performed by Doctor XXXXXXXX, where a stent was placed in my heart due to coronary heart disease. After the placement of the stent, Doctor XXXXXX prescribed atorvastatin (20 mg) cholesterol medication to lower my low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, as the total was 161 mg/dl. After taking atorvastatin for six months, the numbers remained over 100 mg/dl. The prescription dosage was changed to 40 mg. The increase lowered my low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol to 70 mg/dl. Over the next seven years, my low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol remained in the range of 68 to 89 mg/dl, which is considered optimal by medical standards. Throughout the seven years, I completed alternating tests, which included stress tests and cardiac ultrasounds.

On October 13, 2022, I had a follow-up angiogram with Doctor XXXXXX, and the results were excellent. The stent healed, and my coronary arteries looked great.

On June 27, 2024, I attended my scheduled cardiology appointment at the XXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX, Louisiana 70435. My blood test results indicated my Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol was 85 mg/dl. During this visit, Doctor XXXXXXXX decided he wanted to try lowering my low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol into the 40 to 50 mg/dl range.

At this point there were no obvious or proven issues. All the prior testing provided good results. Doctor XXXXXXXX changed my prescription from 40 mg atorvastatin to 20 mg rosuvastatin. 20 mg of rosuvastatin is considered a high-intensity dosage.

The prescription change was filled on June 27, 2024, at XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXXXXX, Covington, Louisiana 70433.

Throughout the next several months, July, August, and September, my wife and son noticed acute changes in my behaviors and cognitive reasoning. It started slowly in July and increased rapidly in August and September. I began to forget and lose track of objects easily. On one occasion my wife asked me to bring a laundry basket to the bottom of the stairs in the foyer. I carried the laundry basket past the stairs into a room, where my wife found me, up against a sofa facing the wall, just standing there. My wife noticed I would place items in the refrigerator that belonged in the pantry and vice versa. I was only sleeping two to three hours a night between twelve-hour shifts and going to the gym afterwards. I would easily become very agitated. My wife tried to tell me to take time off, but I was unable to, due to staffing shortages at the troop. I would zone out at home and work. For example, people would call my name, and when I finally realized, they were talking to me, I would hear them say, "Old Sarge, he cannot hear; he is deaf." My wife and son began to think I may have a brain tumor or the beginning stages of dementia. I began to feel different and just did not feel normal but could not explain it at the time. I started having hand tremors. I felt like a zombie walking around at times, especially at night.

I had been the Troop Office of Risk Management Safety Coordinator since 2021. A yearly audit is conducted to stay in compliance for insurance ratings. In 2021, 2022, and 2023, my rating scores were 91 to 99 percent. On September 17, 2024, during the height of this, my audit revealed a rating of 72 percent. A sharp decline, and at the time, no one realized this or why it happened. These are just a few examples of what was occurring in my daily life.

On Monday, September 30, 2024, sometime between 8:30pm and 9:00pm, I was on duty and assigned to the XXXXX for the night shift. While sitting at the troop conducting normal duties, I noticed several Louisiana State Police XXXXXX as they arrived at the troop and entered the parking lot. XXXXXX, XXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, XXXXXX, XXXXXXX, XXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, and XXXXXXXX exited their vehicles, entered the troop, and immediately walked to the front desk behind my seated position. They immediately grabbed my weapon, asked me to stand up, and removed my duty belt. They instructed me not to move while they performed a pat-down to confirm I had no additional weapons on me. XXXXXXX instructed me to walk into XXXXXX. When in XXXXXX, I was seated in a chair surrounded by several of the XXXXXXX. XXXXXXX then advised me I was being placed on immediate administrative paid leave because I was under investigation by the Sheriff's Office involving a shoplifting case at Walmart, Covington, Louisiana 70433. I immediately began to panic, telling them, "I do not steal anything; I have money to buy what I want." This cannot be happening; this must be a mistake. I told them things have been bad at home, and I was going through a lot, but I am not a thief.

I was escorted from the XXXXXX back to the desk area of the troop. A uniform, my commission, certification cards, and some of my belongings were placed in bags and removed from my unit, along with all the department-issued weapons. I was instructed to change into my sweats; I kept them in my unit for the gym and was told I would be driven home. XXXXXXX advised me that the Sheriff's Office would be contacting me the next business day to set up a meeting to discuss the accusations, but he was certain they would take some sort of action.

At approximately 10:00pm, XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXX drove me home in the front passenger's seat of XXXXXXXX unmarked unit. On the way home, I was instructed not to phone my wife until we arrived at my house. The entire way home, XXXXXXXX repeatedly told me they were there for me.

When we arrived in my driveway (XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, Louisiana 70435) at approximately 10:52pm. XXXXXXXX gave me instructions to call my wife and tell her to come outside. He then told me we would have to wait outside while they would enter the house, go into my bedroom closet, and retrieve my uniforms and state police property. When they were finished, we would be allowed to re-enter our house. No state police weapons were there, just uniforms. They asked for specific directions to the closet. My wife (XXXXXXXX) met them at the back door and came outside. During all the stress and confusion, my wife passed out and struck her forehead. When she did recover after striking her head from the fall, she followed XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, and XXXXXXXX into our house, where she said, they told her they were going to the bedroom closet to retrieve my state police property. My wife told them she would retrieve the property because that is her personal space and privacy. XXXXXXXX, XXXXXXXX, and XXXXXXXX, continued to walk into the house, up the stairs, and into our bedroom, entering the closet. She said, she managed to make her way around them going up the stairs and into the closet, then sat on the closet floor, telling them to just get out and leave. They continued to tell her she needed to go downstairs and wait with me while they retrieved uniforms. They removed the uniforms and some badges, walked out of our house, and left at approximately 11:21 pm. The entire time they were there, I was confused, in shock, and had no idea what was happening. The shock and confusion were unimaginable. I was only on verbal paid administrative leave when this occurred, not terminated or charged with any crime, and there was no imminent danger to anyone. I am certain all of this was on body camera. XXXXXXXX Axon body-worn camera was activated as he waited outside with me, while the others were in the house with my wife. I am sure XXXXXXXX and XXXXXXXX Axon body-worn cameras were activated. By state police policy, the cameras should have been activated.

On Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the morning hours, I received a phone call from the Sheriff's Office Property Crimes Theft Division, XXXXXXXX. XXXXXXXX advised me I needed to report for a meeting with XXXXXXXX on Wednesday, October 2nd, 2024, at 10:00 am. The meeting location was, XXXXXXXXXX, Covington, Louisiana, 70435.

On Wednesday, October 2, 2024, my wife and I arrived early at 9:00am for the meeting. At just after 10:00am, XXXXXXXX opened the lobby door, looked in my direction, and stated, "You come here." My wife looked over, and he told her, "Not you, him." I was escorted to an interview room by XXXXXXXX. He instructed me to be seated. He left the room for a minute and returned with a folder containing several documents. When XXXXXX sat down next to me, I began to ask why I was there and what was going on. He read me my Miranda rights from a form and had me sign it. He told me I was shoplifting by skip-scanning at Walmart on several occasions in uniform, on duty with full chevrons on. I repeatedly told him I did not take anything intentionally; I was confused by the whole situation. I told him, "I do not need to steal; I have money." I even produced documents proving my wife and I spent \$11,799.91 in the last twelve months at Walmart with no balance on my VISA card. I do not steal. I have shopped in uniform at this store for over 20 years. XXXXXX asked if I worked the nights of August 16th, September 7th, and September 9th. I told him, "I believe so, but I would have to look at my calendar to confirm the dates." XXXXXXXX showed me four or five photos with two to three items on each photo and asked if I remembered the items in the photos. I did recognize some of the items, but still repeatedly told him I did not take anything intentionally. I told him, "Things in life have been extremely stressful with no sleep, arguing with my wife, forgetting things, and experiencing memory issues like I have on-set dementia or something and not thinking clearly, but I am not a thief." XXXXXX looked at me and said, "What gets me about all of this, is this, is miniscule stuff, it didn't have to happen." I responded, "That's what I'm saying sir. I told you; I did not do this intentionally." "I do not remember." "I know this sounds crazy, but I did not do this." I also told him things have been stressful lately, and I am only sleeping two to three hours at night. XXXXXX asked, "Why are you shopping at night then?" I replied, I stop and pick-up the things I need at the end of the shift, so my wife does not have to go to the store. I told him I shop at Walmart a lot to buy groceries, my lunch, and other items I need. I am there so much the employees know me when I am off duty. XXXXXX stated, "All of this is on video, and you did this." I responded by saying, "I did not do anything intentionally; you do not understand; I have money and do not need to steal anything from anyone." XXXXXX replied, "Well, here is what is going to happen today. You are going to be charged today, and we are going to go across the street, and you are going to be booked at the jail." I replied, very emotionally, "Why am I being booked? Can you just write me a summons for court? I did not do this intentionally." XXXXXX instructed me to stand up; he placed me in handcuffs behind my back and performed a pat down of my clothing. He then told me to sit back in the chair. I sat, and he left the room. Approximately five minutes or so later, he returned and removed one handcuff and placed it on the metal ring, handcuffing me to the table where I was seated. A short time later, XXXXXXXX came in and told me to stand up. XXXXXXXX placed both handcuffs on me in the front and told me that I was being moved to another room.

XXXXXXXXX escorted me out of the interview room and literally into another interview room adjacent to the one I was in. XXXXXXXX asked me if I were right-or-left-handed when we entered the room. I responded, "Right-handed." He removed the right handcuff and re-handcuffed my left wrist to the table handcuff ring in that room and began to tell me I stole the merchandise, and that he had watched the video. I could tell that he was frustrated with me. He stated, "You did this; there is no question about it. I watched you; you would purchase some things, then look around, then skip some. You looked around before every theft. You looked like you wanted to do more but were not sure." I replied again, "I did not do this intentionally." I always look around when I'm in any location, especially a store in the middle of the night by myself; that's just from being a police officer for 30 years. I always have my head on a swivel. XXXXXXXX left the room after this.

A minute or so later, Louisiana State Police, XXXXXXX, walked in and sat next to me. He looked at me and said, "You told them you have dementia, and why am I just hearing about this?" I replied, "I told them I feel like I have dementia or something; things have not been normal, but I did not steal anything." XXXXXX told me, "At this point you need to think about your son", who at this moment was a cadet in the Louisiana State Police Academy preparing to graduate on Friday, October 4, 2024. XXXXXXX said, "If you retire effective immediately, the department will not send out a statewide department email about this because you will be retired, Huey Galmiche, not Sergeant Huey Galmiche, and your son nor anyone in the department will see an email." It will be easier to deal with this as Huey Galmiche, not Sergeant Huey Galmiche. XXXXXX then said, "Remember, if you stay and fight this, our departmental internal affairs will start a criminal investigation and crucify you. You know, you will not stand a chance, Huey; they will probably bring their own charges." I asked XXXXXX, "What was happening?" He replied, "Huey! They're getting ready to charge you with a felony." I replied, "Felony? Why? What! I didn't do anything wrong!" XXXXXXX stated, "You're being charged with six counts of malfeasance and six counts of shoplifting. You need to think about your retirement and your son." I plead my case, extremely stressed and confused, repeatedly telling him that I did not do anything intentionally. I'm not a thief. This was the first time anyone mentioned the pending charges to me. After XXXXX said this, I felt like I just wanted to collapse, knowing I didn't commit a crime, was innocent, and was experiencing neurological issues. Just being told I was being charged with twelve charges, including six felonies, made the situation extremely stressful. At this point, I asked about the charges again and repeatedly told XXXXXX I did not do anything intentionally, something's wrong; they just want me to admit I did this. XXXXXX then looked at me and said, "Huey! You need to retire for your sons' sake." I asked XXXXXX, if I have to retire, "Could some of the charges be removed, because they just want me to admit I did this, but that is not the case; please listen to me!" XXXXXX replied, "I will see what I can do; let me talk to them." XXXXXX walked out and came back a few minutes later, sat next to me, and said, "This is not our investigation. I tried, but they said they will only charge you with one felony and one misdemeanor, not six of each, if you retire effective immediately." I still plead my case with him, and he said that it was their investigation, and that was the best that he could do. With the

pressure of possibly not being able to make bond on twelve charges, the stress of protecting my son, and the entire situation, I told him OK; although I had no intention to retire and was not ready to retire, I felt like I had no choice at the time. I felt like I was ready to collapse. XXXXX left the room. A few seconds later, XXXXX walked back in with a stack of paperwork with many highlighted signature lines. XXXXX said XXXXX sent him my retirement documents. He showed me my retirement estimate paper first with my final numbers and leave conversion. He had me sign an Immediate Letter of Resignation first, which was dated October 2, 2024, by XXXXXXXXXXXX, along with many other retirement forms, while still handcuffed to the table. I had no idea what I was signing. Absolutely nothing was explained to me as I was signing the documents. I signed all the documents in less than one minute. I did not even have my reading glasses with me, and being handcuffed to the table XXXXX flipped the pages as I signed. I signed each highlighted signature line as XXXXX instructed me to, very confused, exhausted, and stressed.

After signing the paperwork, XXXXX walked out, and XXXXX walked back in. I continued to plead that I did nothing wrong; I did not intentionally steal anything from anyone. XXXX looked at me and said, "Do you want six and six or one and one? You did this." Pressured to be released from jail, I responded, "One and one." XXXXX replied, "OK, that is what I thought!"

The reason for moving me from one interview room to an adjacent room was because the room with XXXXX was not audio or video recorded, whereas the first room was recorded. There was no other valid reason to move me. The room layout was the same.

At approximately 1:00pm, I was handcuffed behind my back, escorted out of the building, placed in an unmarked unit, and transported to the XXXXX for booking. When we arrived at the jail, I was placed in a small cell alone before being fingerprinted and photographed. I was then brought into an area to change into a prison uniform. After changing clothes, I was placed in one of the three large holding cells, alone. While waiting on bail, Louisiana State Police XXXXXXXX was allowed to enter the cell at the prison in the booking area, where he walked in and sat down next to me on the concrete bench. He had me sign another resignation letter. XXXXXXXX said the reason for the second letter was that the numbers were off on the initial one I signed, but later, through memory and documentation I recognized the reference had changed, not the numbers. This letter was an RE: Letter of Intent to Retire. They changed the wording from "Immediate Letter of Resignation" and replaced it with "Letter of Intent to Retire." I was still extremely exhausted and fatigued and felt like I was ready to just collapse. He reminded me to not bring a weapon to my son's state police graduation. He also asked that my wife not cause a scene because she became very upset when they entered our house. When XXXXXXXX was exiting the cell, he looked at me and asked if I were OK with a smile on his face. I remember telling him I was hungry. I was released on a signature bond about an hour later.

I do remember XXXXXXXX was the on-duty supervisor at the jail in booking that afternoon.

In the weeks following everything that occurred, I realized seriousness of what happened and the totality of the circumstances in what the Louisiana State Police and the Louisiana State Police Retirement System did. They made sure all my options would not be available as far as utilizing the Louisiana State Police Commission, appeals processes with medical records, and being exonerated by the courts of the accusations, while retaining my job.

When XXXXX came to the Sheriff's Office on October 2, 2024, they moved me into a different room where he had me sign my retirement documents. I began to think about the situation; the XXXXXX had no right to allow XXXXX into that room with me. I did not ask for anyone. XXXXXX was not there for my best interest. What about my right to Due Process? The sheriff's XXXX should have protected me; I was their responsibility, and law enforcement has a duty to protect those in their custody. Not move them into a room without audio or video recording and handcuff them to a desk; where they are presented with an immediate letter of resignation and legal retirement documents, all while experiencing and verbally telling them that there experiencing neurocognitive issues. This was not a state police investigation. My wife, who handles all our finances, was sitting outside in the waiting room, and they did not allow her access to me. XXXXXX sole purpose at that time was to talk me into signing legal retirement documents without anyone else in that room. The XXXXXX also have the recorded interview where they question me regarding the thefts and what I told them about my mental state before they gave XXXXXX access to me. XXXXXX was aware of this because the first thing he told me was, "You told them you have dementia and why am I just hearing about this"

And again, after being booked and after signing the first stack of documents, the Jail allowed XXXXX to enter the prison cell, sit on the bench next to me where he had me sign a second resignation letter.

I had time to reflect with my wife on the entire situation. I was not in any way ready to retire for financial or personal reasons from my career as a Louisiana State Police Sergeant. I just got finished paying my son's college tuition, and my wife and I were going to begin saving from my retirement. I lost several options afforded to me, and a big one was the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). None of my options were mentioned. I also lost over \$9,000.00 (nine-thousand dollars) a year on my annual retirement for the rest of our lives. And what about myself, my wife, and my sons' emotional and mental well-being because of being put through this by two government agencies, instead of letting the State Police Commission, the judicial system and a documented medical diagnosis decide if I were guilty or innocent.

I did not receive copies of what I signed in custody. We had to call the Louisiana State Police Retirement System to clarify if I even officially retired. With all the confusion and stress, I had no idea what he had me sign. When my wife and I called, a staff member confirmed I did retire and said nothing else regarding how I retired.

Both Louisiana State Police policy and rules that govern the Louisiana State Retirement System specifically state, that the member must request a retirement application and a retirement benefit estimate. Also, the letter of resignation shall be presented to the member at their official meeting with Louisiana State Police Retirement System Executives.

Retiring in police custody made me look guilty. If someone wanted to speak with me regarding retirement, there was ample opportunity before and after the day of the arrest. I had the requirement of more than 25 hard years of service and the age of over 50. It was my decision to make after a 30-year career, not theirs. Both the Louisiana State Police and the Louisiana State Police Retirement system were aware of this. If anyone were going to present retirement documents to me, or ask about retirement, only an executive from the Louisiana State Police Retirement System should have contacted me regarding retirement. Not Louisiana State Police XXXXXXX through Louisiana State Police XXXXXX.

The important question is, how did two Louisiana State Police XXXXX have possession of my retirement paperwork? Louisiana State Police and the Louisiana State Police Retirement Systems are two separate entities. Not one but two Louisiana State Police XXXXXXX had my personal financial information and my official retirement documents in their possession, along with an immediate letter of resignation that was brought to the sheriff's office. The State Police Retirement System Rules, State Police Policy and State Law R.S. 11:1306 state, that the member must request the benefit estimate by filling out the estimate request form, and the member must apply for retirement by contacting A Louisiana State Police Retirement System Staff Member to request a retirement application. I did not call or contact the Louisiana State Police Retirement System regarding my retirement. Someone else did. Also, if the board of trustees authorized my retirement, I should have been contacted directly by the retirement system. The benefit estimate request usually takes several weeks to complete, and my estimate form was completed, and approved with initials and signatures of the approvers who work for the Louisiana State Police Retirement System on October 2, 2024, the day I was in police custody. As far as a retirement application, I never requested one; it was not my intention to retire when I went to the sheriff's office; I was not even thinking about retirement. As a matter of fact, I've never been to the Louisiana State Police Retirement System Office in my life, nor have I ever met anyone employed with the system.

Due to the events that occurred in my life, what my son and wife were noticing, and all that happened up to being accused of shoplifting, my wife immediately contacted my primary care physician, Doctor XXXXXX, for a referral to a neurologist.

On October 9, 2024, I was examined by Neurologist/Psychiatrist Doctor XXXXXXXX with XXXXXXXX due to having neurocognitive issues, which have contributed to my recent behavior of confusion, forgetfulness, memory issues, not sleeping, agitation, and poor judgment. Doctor XXXXXXXX conducted several tests that revealed mild cognitive issues in the exam with recall, concentration, and short-term memory for my age. Doctor XXXXXXXX ordered an MRI of the brain and asked if I had any recent medication changes. I advised Doctor XXXXXXXX that Doctor XXXXXXXX changed my statin medication from atorvastatin 40 mg to rosuvastatin 20 mg on June 27, 2024. Doctor XXXXXXXX instructed me to immediately stop taking the Rosuvastatin. Statins have been known to cause brain fog, memory loss, confusion, and recall issues. Crestor (Rosuvastatin) advertises this as a side effect of the medication, but it is not listed on the medication bottle label. Doctor XXXXXXXX advised me to stay off the statin for three months, and a follow-up appointment was scheduled for January 6th, 2025. The official diagnosis at this visit was mild neurocognitive disorder.

On October 10, 2024, I received a manila envelope with no return address from the Louisiana State Police Retirement System with the documents I signed on October 2nd while in custody. My wife and I had no idea what the paperwork meant because other retiree's sign this with advisers at the Louisiana State Police Retirement System Office, not in police custody in an interview room handcuffed to a table with no one else around. My wife and I had to make several immediate corrections to tax implications. For starters, they had me filing single with no dependents. A clear indication all of this was filled out prior to my signing it in custody. No one with the Louisiana State Police Retirement System asked how these mistakes were made or what happened to my other financial retirement options, even DROP. The documents were pre-filled out with my information. My wife and I had to phone LSP retirement and request another tax form to make corrections. Also, the pre-filled dates on all the paperwork were dated October 2, 2024. This confirms that this was presented to me during the time when I was in custody and under arrest. The news article indicating my retirement was released before I was released from the lock-up. My son, who was in the Louisiana State Police Academy, knew about my retiring before my wife because supervisors at the academy were telling him about my situation throughout the day.

On October 10, 2024, at 4:40 pm, XXXXXXXX. sent me a phone text. The text read, "I have a letter from the department that I must hand deliver to you. Can I meet you somewhere on my way to the Troop?" It is the initial letter that puts you on admin leave. I replied, "I will get it from you next week," and he replied, "10-4."

On October 15, 2024, at approximately 3:00pm, Louisiana State Police XXXXXXXX. met my wife and I, along with my attorney XXXXXXXX, in Mandeville, at my attorney's home office. XXXXXXXX came inside and handed me a manila envelope that contained a letter on Louisiana State Police letterhead from XXXXXXXXXX, placing me on official administrative leave with pay. The letter was dated September 30, 2024, and had the handwritten signature of XXXXXXXX. I received this on October 15, 2024, 16 days after verbally being placed on paid administrative leave. This letter should have been given to me on September 30, 2024 or no later than the day of the arrest. The letter serves as the official notice of paid administrative leave pending investigation, explaining all my rights and applicable State Police Commission Rules. This letter itself explains that I did not have to retire or make any decisions until the criminal accusations were completed through the court system because you're innocent until proven guilty. The letter also served to inform me that I would remain on administrative leave with pay until further notice. This is what should have been delivered to me in police custody, not my retirement paperwork. I have the text feeds from XXXXXXXXXX to prove when and where the letter was delivered.

On October 16, 2024, my son, XXXXXXXXXXXX, who was a trooper at XXXXXXXX, and I were having a conversation. My son informed me that XXXXXXXX came to the troop on Monday, October XX, 2024, and spoke to the troopers as a group. He spoke about retirement. XXXXXXXX made several statements regarding how important your decision to retire was and how you need to sit with your family and your wife to discuss this for at least a week or two before deciding. This involves a lot of money, and many crucial decisions are made involving your future; it is something that should take weeks to decide with the help of financial advisers. Hearing this and knowing what happened to me behind closed doors, my son was shocked.

On October 18, 2024, Doctor XXXXXXXX removed the prescription for Rosuvastatin 20 mg, which he prescribed for me on June 27, 2024.

On December 16, 2024, I read the affidavit of arrest, which my attorney, XXXXXXXX, got from the District Attorney's Office. It read, the alleged skip scanning occurred on six occasions from August 16, 2024, to September 21, 2024, where they said I intentionally failed to properly scan or concealed the barcodes on a total of 13 items throughout the six transactions, totaling \$171.30, while purchasing other items in the early morning hours. The items in question range from a bath towel, batteries and outdoor hunting items. They also wrote, I told them I had amnesia from my time in the military and my wife, and I were in the process of a divorce due to stress at work. I was never in the military, and my wife and I are not getting a divorce. The interview with the XXXXXXXX prior to being moved and signing my retirement documents was recorded as stated in the arrest affidavit. The merchant refused to accept or ask for restitution in the case.

On January 6, 2025, I returned to Doctor XXXXXX for a follow-up examination. During this visit, Doctor XXXXXXXX spent sixty minutes reviewing data and conducting cognitive tests. After stopping the Rosuvastatin 20 mg, Doctor XXXXXXXX noticed cognitive improvement. The diagnosis was statin-induced encephalopathy or toxic metabolic encephalopathy because of the statin medication change. Doctor XXXXXXXX stated this is a rare side effect not well understood but did not think it was a coincidence that my cognitive deficits have improved after stopping the Rosuvastatin 20 mg. Doctor XXXXXXXX explained in detail how lowering cholesterol too much has negative side effects on the brain. This diagnosis lists just about all the side effects I was feeling throughout this whole ordeal, starting with medication change, forgetting things, confusion, memory loss, poor judgment, agitation, and insomnia. This also confirmed that I lacked the ability to form the intent to commit the crime I was accused of and should not have been able to sign legal retirement documents alone in custody while on this medication.

We now know and understand that I was suffering from statin-induced encephalopathy through the months of July, August, September, October, November, and December, which now I understand why I felt the way I did and why everything happened to me. Through the month of December, after being off the Rosuvastatin for three months, I noticed things started improving daily as far as my memory, and I began to rest better. The official diagnosis was toxic metabolic encephalopathy.

It should also be noted that several years ago I was diagnosed as having high-frequency, high-pitch hearing loss, that stemmed from years of job-related noise. This is relevant as to not being able to hear the beep of the self-checkout registers. My hearing loss is substantial, just ask any of the troopers I worked alongside.

On February 25, 2025, I changed cardiologists. My new doctor is XXXXXXXX with XXXXX Covington, Louisiana 70435. Doctor XXXXXXXX is one of the owners of the XXXXXXXXXX, and my former doctor, XXXXX, who changed my medication, is employed by this practice. Doctor XXXXX performed my two prior angiograms. During the visit, I explained to Doctor XXXXX what had occurred because of Doctor XXXX actions and how XXXXXXXX went on a rant to my wife and I as patients about the practice. Doctor XXXXXXXX looked shocked and very surprised. Doctor XXXXXXXX was especially surprised when he learned my Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) Cholesterol was well within the optimal range of below 100 mg/dl for years along with numerous testings, including an angiogram on October 13, 2022, but Doctor XXXXXXXX wanted to lower it even more, causing encephalopathy by lowering the fat and cholesterol levels in the brain significantly. There was absolutely no reason to change the medication. Doctor XXXXXXXX changed my prescription back to my original atorvastatin dosage.

In conclusion, the skip-scanning incidents that occurred from August 14, 2024, to September 21, 2024, totaling 13 items, valued at \$171.30, when I spent \$11,799.91 in the year prior at Walmart, were unintentional and stemmed from a new statin medication causing unexpected side effects that affected my neurocognitive functioning. While I know I'm innocent of the accusations, I accepted a pre-trial diversion agreement with no bill of information being filed by the district attorney to resolve the matter efficiently. "I am pleased to put this matter behind me, pickup the pieces of my life, clear my name, and maintain my innocence regarding any intentional wrongdoing." "I'm not a thief; I never have been, and I never will be!"