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Re: Media inquiry from the Salem Reporter

Mr. Tabrizian,

Your media request was shared with me this morning by City Manager Stahley.

As the chief of police, I am continually balancing the sometimes-competing interests of transparency and bringing justice to victims and their families. There are times, such as this, when protecting case integrity outweighs the interest of sharing information with our community. This case remains open, and no prosecutorial decision has been made. Moreover, we are not the lead investigating agency. It is, therefore, inappropriate for me to speak to specific details of the investigation.

All body-worn camera footage is uploaded and preserved, meaning it cannot be deleted or tampered with. All video evidence related to this case has been shared with the investigating agency and the district attorney.

I can affirmatively state that our department has not withheld information from the Keizer Police Department. The last request was made on June 19 and the files were provided on June 20.

As we stated within days of this tragic collision, no Salem Police officers were present at the time of the crash. Therefore, there is no body-worn camera footage that captured the actual collision.

I would ask for the public's continued patience while this independent investigative process occurs, and any prosecutorial decision is made.

Trevor Womack
Chief of Police