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Executive Director Steven Brown,

Thank you for your inquiry into the Pawtucket Police Department's accreditation as it relates to an incident that occurred on June 8th, 2025. As you are well aware, the matter is still under formal investigation, so it would be premature for the Commission to respond or take any formal position at this time.

Regarding your questions as to the Commission's involvement after an agency is accredited, I will tell you there is an annual review conducted by the Executive Director that continues throughout the accreditation cycle. As such, I can assure you the integrity of this program and compliance with the requisite standards that make up the foundation of law enforcement administrative and operational "best practice" are paramount.

Respectfully,

Chief Matthew Benson
RIPAC Chairperson