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MEMORANDUM OF REVIEW

TO: Captain Haley Nelson, SLED

FROM: Solicitor Scarlett Wilson

DATE: August 14, 2026

RE: Bryant / Mace Investigation
Report Received: July 15, 2026
Your File No: 11-23-0312

INTRODUCTION

I appreciate your providing me with your lengthy report prompted by Nancy Mace's allegations and other allegations that were raised during the course of SLED's investigation. You were tasked with taking over this investigation months after it had been underway. I recognize the challenges of assuming the lead in an investigation that already was, or should have been, well underway. Your report and the items supporting it demonstrate your dedication and perseverance in seeking the truth of the claims that have arisen.

Unlike some other states, South Carolina's law does not provide a role for Solicitors in criminal investigations. Solicitors have no authority or control over law enforcement personnel or resources. This is evidenced by the fact that SLED has opted not to pursue certain evidence or warrants that I have suggested during this investigation. This is *not* a criticism. It is an acknowledgment that we have different responsibilities and that we command different resources.

A prosecutor's role of evaluating evidence and interviewing witnesses in preparation for *trial* where the burden of proof is *beyond a reasonable doubt* is much different than the investigator's role of searching for the clues and corroboration that develops *probable cause* to seek an arrest warrant.

As we have discussed on several occasions, my position regarding our relative roles in investigations is well-documented in letters to SLED and in interviews with the media. Generally,

solicitors do not approve or authorize law enforcement decisions to charge individuals with crimes and there is no uniform approach regarding the involvement of South Carolina's prosecutors in investigations.

SLED provided me your report for "review." I am not conducting my own investigation or directing you to make an arrest of any subject. Decisions to arrest are within your sole discretion. My assessment of whether the information in your report amounts to *proof beyond a reasonable doubt* of a crime is derived from the statutory elements of the law as they apply to the facts you have presented. I am not evaluating this information to determine if *probable cause* supports an arrest. I am reliant on the information you provided and weigh heavily your own assessment of its value in prosecution. Should you disagree with my conclusions, you certainly have the authority to take alternative or even adverse action. You have interviewed the witnesses and have the best sense of their credibility and reliability. You and your team at SLED also have reviewed terabytes of information obtained through search warrants. I am relying upon SLED's evaluation and reporting of that information. While I have reviewed hours of recordings, I have not reviewed and analyzed the terabytes of information that you obtained through search warrants.

So far, SLED has elected not to pursue warrants based on the evidence obtained in this investigation. SLED has, however, referred one charge to local law enforcement which led to the arrest of Eric Bowman for domestic violence (Section 20). My office is currently prosecuting this charge.

As you know, I have consulted with the seniormost Solicitors in South Carolina: Solicitor Duffie Stone of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit and Solicitor Kevin Brackett of the Sixteenth Judicial Circuit. They concur with my assessments.

My review is organized a bit differently than your report, but I will cover each of the 26 allegations you outline. Like you, I will begin with Nancy Mace's very public allegations against Brian Musgrave. Her spurious claims against him demonstrate the severe credibility complications that taint some of the evidence underlying other allegations.

ALLEGATIONS

BRIAN MUSGRAVE
(SLED Report Section 1)

Your report offers zero evidence that Mr. Musgrave committed any crime because zero evidence was presented to you. In fact, your report shows that an allegation against Mr. Musgrave has not even been made. Nancy Mace only provided you questions and suppositions as to Musgrave's involvement in crimes she claims have been committed by his friends and colleagues.

Despite the lack of even a scintilla of evidence against Mr. Musgrave, Mace publicly labeled him a criminal and a predator. She used his name in the context of rape and sex trafficking, implying he was guilty of both. Mace branded Mr. Musgrave and his photograph a "predator" and broadcast it to the world. Later, she plastered the aspersions in the hallway outside her public

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: **BOWMAN V. BRITTON** (SLED Report Section 20)

This allegation is being prosecuted by my office.

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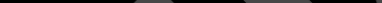
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CONCLUSION

Thank you again for your commitment to this investigation. I appreciate your periodic updates over the course of the inquiry. Solicitors Brackett, Stone and I are grateful for your spending an entire day briefing us on the evidence you gathered and for following up on our questions. I have outlined the state of the evidence but understand that you have firsthand observations of the witnesses that I do not. I recognize that reasonable minds may differ in some of these assessments. If you want to discuss my analysis further, I am available at your convenience.