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PRESS RELEASE

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Lawsuit Filed Against the City of Ashland by Thomas Whitener

Ashland, MO- The City has been made aware of a lawsuit filed against the City of Ashland by former Police Officer Thomas Whitener. The lawsuit alleges that Whitener was fired from employment of the City. Whitener resigned from the Police Department with a final date of pay being 8/11/2023. The lawsuit alleges that Whitener is a whistleblower and is therefore entitled to certain protections. The City has no record of any grievances filed by Whitener against any current or former employee of the City. All questions can be directed to City Administrator Kyle Michel, kmichel@ashlandmo.us / 573-657-2091, or the City Attorney Todd Smith, tsmith@laubermunicipal.com / 573-352-4563.