



# SPRINGFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### STATEMENT FROM CHIEF SCARLETTE

“The Springfield Police Department was made aware of comments reportedly posted to social media by an officer using a personal profile. Upon receiving this information, the Department immediately launched an internal investigation. The officer has been placed on unpaid administrative leave and his police powers have been removed. These are serious allegations and will be investigated thoroughly in accordance with the Springfield Police Department procedures and the officer’s collective bargaining agreement.

The Springfield Police Department does not condone the use of racist comments by any of our officers, at any time. Statements like this erode civilian trust and confidence in our department and are not tolerated. The views allegedly expressed by the officer do not align with our oath, or the mission and philosophy of the Springfield Police Department and in no way reflect the views of the over 200 officers within our department.”

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