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To: Cpt. Curtis Brammer  
From: Art Smith, Operation Division Chief  
Re: AXON Standards EVT-00001149  
CC: Professional Standards Unit

## Documentation of Verbal Counseling

### **Summary of Facts Leading to Verbal Counseling:**

The above referenced Professional Standards Unit (PSU) investigation revealed misconduct on the part of K9 Deputy Alex Zwinck and K9 Deputy Erik Olson beginning prior to 05/20/25 and running through 06/13/2025. Sgt. Joe Lemoine was the direct supervisor of Deputy Zwinck and Deputy Olson at all times relevant. Lt. Bucky Holdren was the direct supervisor of Sgt. Joe LeMoine at all times relevant. You were the direct supervisor of Lt. Holdren at all times relevant.

The investigation revealed a series of incidents, beginning prior to 05/20/25, in which Deputy Zwinck and Olson assisted, detained and/or provided direction of travel and vehicle identification information to HSI/ICE personnel after having learned HSI/ICE officers wished to contact subjects of their traffic stops solely for the purpose of enforcing civil immigration violations.

The actions undertaken by Deputy Zwinck and Olson, were in violation of two separate directives, issued on 02/08/24 and 01/30/25, respectively. There is a preponderance of evidence their actions were in violation of C.R.S 24-76.6-102 prior to the passage of SB25-276. There is a preponderance of evidence their actions were in violation of provisions of SB25-276, post its passage on 05/23/25.

Their actions were contrary to our agency's years old policing philosophy and practice of **not** investigating, enforcing or assisting in the enforcement of civil immigration violations.

In January of 2025, there was a well-publicized federal/federal law enforcement prioritization change aimed at border security and immigration enforcement. Many of the personnel and teams in your division regularly partner with and cooperate with federal law enforcement officers for the purposes of furthering local criminal investigations and participating in joint criminal investigations.

Beginning in January of 2025, you received verbal direction, from every member of your chain of command, to the effect of:

