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Rahm Emanuel Mayor City of Chicago 121 N. LaSalle, Suite 500 Chicago, IL 60602

Re: Significant Activity Report

Dear Mayor Emanuel:

This letter is to inform you that on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Lennie Perry, a former Pool Motor Truck Driver for the City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation, was arraigned on an indictment returned by a Cook County grand jury on October 17th, 2014. The indictment charges Perry with bribery, theft, and official misconduct by a public employee in violation of the Illinois Criminal Code. State of Illinois v. Lennie Perry, et al., 14CR-18627 (Cir. Ct. of Cook Cty).

The investigation, which was conducted by the Chicago Office of Inspector General, working in conjunction with the Office of the Cook County State's Attorney and the Chicago Police Department, revealed that Lennie Perry, on three separate occasions and while on duty as a City tow truck driver, relocated automobiles parked on City streets. He then solicited and received bribes in exchange for returning the relocated vehicles to the victims. Perry's wife, Arica Reed-Perry, is also charged in the indictment with bribery and theft for the role that she played in the scheme.

A criminal charge in the form of a complaint or indictment is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are presumed innocent and are entitled to a fair trial at which the government has the burden of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

If you need any additional information, please feel free to call me or Rachel Leven, Public Affairs Coordinator, at (773) 478-0534.

Respectfully.

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