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Re: FOI Request Received September 3, 2020:

Dear Attorney Barrett:

Attached please find the following material responsive to your request for documents related to how *Brady-Giglio* material is handled by the Division and titled "public records request":

- 1. The Division of Criminal Justice Giglio Request Policy
- 2. The Division of Criminal Justice Ethic's Policy
- 3. The Division of Criminal Justice Ethic's Guidelines
- Rules of Professional Responsibility, in its entirety, and specifically Rules 1.1, 3.4, & 3.8
- 5. Practice Book Sections 40-1 et seq., specifically §40-11
- 6. The Division of Criminal Justice Disclosure Policy
- 7. New Haven State's Attorney Office Giglio Policy
- 8. New Britain State's Attorney Office Giglio Policy

It is the policy of the Division of Criminal Justice to go above and beyond the basic expectations in how we handle *Brady-Giglio* material. We hold it is best practice that in every case relevant material be requested to ensure the most up-to-date information and avoid the reliance on potentially stale information.

The Division of Criminal Justice strives to make all *Giglio-Brady* material available to the defense as soon as possible. Our efforts in this area are evidenced by the fact that there are no cases decided in the last five years on direct appeal that have found a state prosecutor has engaged in a *Brady* or *Giglio* violation. Our research further indicates that the appellate courts of the State of Connecticut have only found the police or a prosecutor committed a *Brady* or *Giglio* violation in six cases out of the 1201 state criminal appeals disposed in that timeframe. In all of

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these habeas appeals, the conduct cited occurred decades ago. DCJ has taken those decisions seriously. DCJ now engages in extensive training in this area of the law and local State's Attorney's frequently train our law enforcement partners on their obligations as well.

If you have any additional questions regarding your request or this response, please feel free to contact me directly.

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