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March 4, 2022, Incident - Internal Affairs Findings

The Lake Jackson Police Department and City of Lake Jackson would like to express our gratitude for the patience afforded to us by the citizens of Lake Jackson while we thoroughly investigated an unfortunate incident regarding the actions of two of our officers on March 4, 2022. Their actions were based on an erroneous understanding of law, which resulted in an arrest of a citizen who was legally videotaping a nearby traffic accident. Police department supervision quickly discovered the error, released the citizen, and initiated our internal affairs process. At this time, the internal affairs investigation is complete, and we have taken appropriate action given the circumstances of the incident.

As of this morning, before conclusion of the investigation, we accepted the resignation of Officer Johnny Cagle from his position with the Lake Jackson Police Department. Officer Mendoza, who was also a subject of the investigation, will receive a period of unpaid leave and is required to participate in remedial training in the areas of law of concern in this incident. We are also in consultation with the District Attorney's Office for confirmation on whether the actions of the officers rise to the level of criminal responsibility.

We work hard every day to earn and keep the trust of the people we serve here in Lake Jackson and as we move forward as a community, the Lake Jackson Police Department recommits itself to the tenets of delivering professional and courteous service, preserving the peace, and enforcing the law and constitution to make a safe environment for all citizens.

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