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IN RE ESTATE OF JOHN GAUDREAU AND ESTATE OF MATTHEW GAUDREAU, SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY

LAW DIVISION – SALEM COUNTY

DOCKET NO.: SLM-L-221-24

Plaintiffs, : <u>CIVIL ACTION</u>

ORDER DISSOLVING RESTRAINTS AND DISMISSING COMPLAINT WITHOUT PREJUDICE

THIS MATTER having been brought to the Court by William R. Lane, Esq. of O'Connor, Parsons, Lane & Noble, LLC, appearing on behalf of Plaintiffs, by way of a Verified Complaint and Order to Show Cause seeking to enjoin Salem County Prosecutor's Office from releasing records related to the investigation into the deaths of John and Matthew Gaudreau ("the investigation") in response to requests pursuant to the New Jersey Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1, et seq. ("OPRA"); and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, and as amended on September 27, 2024 and October 1, 2024, the Court entered an order scheduling the Order to Show Cause for October 8, 2024, and pending the hearing, temporarily enjoining and restraining all state, county and/or local law enforcement agencies, Salem County and/or the Salem County Prosecutor's Office from (a) producing, distributing and/or disseminating any records relating to the investigation; and (b)

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releasing any 911-audio recordings, video footage (including any MVR or BWC footage),

photographs, investigative reports, or autopsy photos that depict or contain information pertaining

to the investigation; and

WHEREAS, in Lieu of the Order to Show Cause, the Court held a case management

conference on October 9, 2024 with attorneys appearing on behalf of Plaintiffs, Salem County and

the Salem County Prosecutor's Office, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety

Division of State Police, Gannett, WPVI –TV d/b/a 6abc, and Sean Higgins; and

WHEREAS, the Division of State Police and the Salem County Prosecutor's Office and

the County of Salem have agreed to provide notice to plaintiffs and an opportunity to assert their

privacy interests before any records are released in response to any OPRA requests seeking records

related to the investigation;

IT IS on this <u>18th</u> day of <u>OCTOBER, 2024</u> ORDERED that:

1. This Court's September 26, 2024 Order and Amended Orders are vacated and the

temporary restraints are hereby dissolved; and

2. Because the immediate need for temporary restraints is now moot, Plaintiffs'

complaint is hereby dismissed without prejudice to the ability of Plaintiffs to

reinstitute an action seeking to enjoin future release of records.

/s/ Timothy W. Chall, P. J. Cv. Timothy W. Chell, P.J.Cv.