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General Order # 2024-02

SUBJECT: Investigating Family	ISSUE DATE: March 13, 2024
	EFFECTIVE DATE: March 13, 2024
TO: All Department Personnel	REVISION OR EXPIRATION DATE: Until updated

OBJECTIVE

To keep in line with the Stow Police Department's code of ethics outlined in the Rules and Regulations. Specially Rule 4.03 – Violating Conflict of Interest Law, further, Chapter 268a of the Massachusetts General Law.

GUIDELINES

Officers are prohibited from investigating any immediate family member as defined as a father, mother, child, spouse, brother, sister, or parent-in-law or household member. Officers are required to stop any violent acts, contact a supervisor to the scene, and then must remove themselves from the investigation as soon as possible.

Supervisors will assign other officers within the department to investigate and ensure the Lt. and Chief are updated on the investigation. Officers who do respond to family involved incidents will document the incident.

The Chief and Lt., if necessary, will refer the investigation to an outside agency if necessary. Officers may also remove themselves or be removed by a Supervisor at any time if they believe any conflict or violation of c268A may arise and will notify in writing the Chief and Lt. for case reassignment and the reasons.