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STATEMENT RE: Chief Leonard Gallo
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Good Morning. I am Attorney Jon Einhorn and I represent Chief Leonard Gallo. As you have just heard, after 14 years as Chief of the East Haven Police Department, Chief Gallo has today announced that he will retire from that position.

Chief Gallo has served in law enforcement for 42 years and as Chief in East Haven for 14 years. He is retiring from this position for one reason alone: that is his desire not to be a distracting element in East Haven's efforts to rehabilitate its image both upon its citizens and the general public. As you know there is a civil lawsuit pending against him in United States District Court, and the potential for criminal charges by the United States Justice Department in a case now pending against four officers, in which he is named as a co-conspirator. Chief Gallo will be vindicated in the civil case against him, and should he be charged in the federal criminal case, we will successfully defend against any such charges. He is not guilty of any wrongdoing in either the civil action or potentially in any criminal action. He should not be arrested, and if arrested, he will be acquitted of any charges. His retirement is not an admission of any such wrongdoing and should not be construed as such. Chief Gallo has never engaged in, participated in, or condoned, racial profiling of any nature whatsoever.

Upon his retirement the Town loses a dedicated public servant who has been unconditionally loyal to the Mayor and to this Town. It is unfortunate that political events have unfolded as they have but he retires voluntarily, and not upon duress, or threats from any person.

Chief Gallos' retirement will be effective February ³, 2012. The reason for the delayed retirement is that additional time is needed to agree upon a retirement package from the Town.

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