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MORRISTOWN FINALIZES SETTLEMENT WITH PATROLMAN KEITH HUDSON

Mayor Timothy Dougherty releases statement regarding final settlement with Patrolman Keith Hudson

MORRISTOWN, NJ - The Town of Morristown announced today that it has reached a settlement with Morristown Police Department Patrolman Keith Hudson. This agreement is expected to be finalized by the Council on Tuesday, March 26, during the regular council meeting. The settlement cuts the original jury award in half, with the Town's share of the cost totaling \$600,000 and the balance paid by the Garden State Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

"We are pleased to reach an agreeable settlement with Patrolman Hudson that will cost taxpayers far less than originally anticipated," said Mayor Timothy Dougherty. "To prevent similar instances from occurring in the future, Public Safety Director Michael Corcoran has already enacted several key changes to improve departmental oversight and handling of personnel. We trust that Director Corcoran will make the right decisions to resolve this situation and enhance accountability."

This settlement is the result of a lawsuit filed by Hudson in 2015, in which he alleged that Morristown Police Chief Peter Demnitz demoted him after he filed a complaint against the Chief with the Morris County Prosecutor's Office. Director Corcoran has begun the process of obtaining accreditation for the Morristown Police Department to provide the police Department with best practices, policies, and greater accountability.