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To: Gentle, Ron (JUS)
Subject: Re: McHale Charges
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Thanks Ron. Makes sense and much appreciated. I'll pass on info to the boss. See you tomorrow.

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From: Gentle, Ron (JUS)
To: Lewis, Chris D. (JUS)
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Subject: Re: McHale Charges

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I spoke to Bill Renton around 1630 and he has a couple of issues.

First, the assault of McHale by Bullet was caught on all kinds of video as people turned the cameras on when the action happened. Unfortunately, the alleged assault committed by McHale, to this point, is not on video. The best we have is the victim claiming verbally to have been assaulted on at least one tape. We have witnesses on both sides that say he did and didn't commit an offence. We continue to interview witnesses and view video voluntarily provided to us. Unfortunately the Commissioner may have been told of some things in the first instance that may have been assumptions on the part of some.

We want to ensure. when we arrest and charge Bullet we do the same with McHale to eliminate any of the usual issues. There are those who fear charging Bullet will be counter productive - I disagree. We are also concerned if we make the arrests tomorrow we may end up with McHale, Powless and [REDACTED] all in the same courthouse at the same time bringing supporters of each together in a potentially volatile situation. And you know if something happens there will be many who say we should have known this would happen and ask why we took the risk.

I fully understand the Commissioner's concerns and the need for this to be expedited. However, he, you and I are crime fighters from way back and we all know the importance of doing the right thing here keeping in mind our responsibilities to all involved and to ensure what we do sticks, rather than give more news bites to the detractors we have.

Finally, as the Director of the CIB and therefore investigative excellence, if we screw this up who does the Commissioner and the Force go to with any confidence after this.

I have no problem with you sharing this with the Commissioner as I have the greatest respect for both of you. I hope I haven't disappointed either of you with my position on this, but you know "I call em as I see em" and I would never do anything that would put either of you in a compromising position. With all possible respect, I'd like to think this is why he put me in the CIB and I hope he can trust me on this.

I'll see you tomorrow and am more than willing to discuss this further.

Ron

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