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## ***GBI Asked to Review Investigative Report of SCMPD Officers***

On Friday, December 6, 2013, the District Attorney's Office was provided with a copy of an investigative report prepared by the private investigative service, Manuel, Daniels, Burke International (MDBI). The consultants of MDBI were engaged by the city of Savannah. The investigation by MDBI, albeit thorough, was conducted for the purpose of investigating personnel actions of officers and not to determine any criminal wrongdoing. This past week, my office began reviewing the report for the purpose of determining if any crimes had been committed.

Upon review of the report prepared by MDBI, it appears that most actions in question occurred several years ago; prior to my taking office as District Attorney. This timeline of actions and events may create issues concerning statute of limitations. In order to alleviate any potential issues, on December 10, 2013, I contacted the Georgia Bureau of Investigations and asked them to assume the function of investigating the allegations in the report for any criminal wrongdoing. This matter is now in the hands of the GBI and it is inappropriate for me, or my office to make any further comments about this pending investigation into any criminal wrongdoing.

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