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NOLLE PROSEQUI MEMORANDUM

TO: FILE
FROM: ASAIC MARGARET CARPENTER
RE: GUILLERMO ARTEAGA 23-3419MM10A
DATE: AUGUST 15, 2025

On August 14, 2025, I received correspondence from attorney Robert Buschel regarding the above-referenced case. Mr. Buschel indicated that his client, an officer with the City of Miami Police Department, had been arrested on an outstanding capias from an incident dating back to April 21, 2020. On that date, Officer Arteaga was issued citation #353127C for a littering violation by a Florida Fish and Wildlife officer. On the face of the citation, Officer Arteaga had the option of paying a fine or appearing in court to answer the charge. This incident occurred during the COVID 19 lockdown which closed down the court system for some time.

In April of 2023, the State Attorney's Office received citation #353127C for littering from Florida Fish and Wildlife dated April 21, 2020. This case was reviewed and filed by the assigned assistant state attorney as a misdemeanor littering violation. Time limitations for filing were tolled by the Florida Supreme Court during the pandemic which allowed our office to file cases outside the usual statute of limitations period. The case was filed with the Clerk of Court on 5/15/2023 and a capias was issued for Officer Arteaga on 6/29/2023. The capias was served on Officer Arteaga on 8/12/2025 and as indicated, Attorney Buschel reached out to me on 8/14/2025.

Mr. Buschel sent me a disposition from the Clerk of Court showing that Officer Arteaga appeared before the court on 11/02/2020 on Citation #353127C and was given a withhold and ordered to pay a \$25 fine which was timely paid. Unfortunately, even though this case had been resolved, it was presented to and filed by our office in 2023 leading to Officer Arteaga's arrest on the capias. I reviewed the file and correspondence sent by Mr. Buschel and immediately filed a Nolle Prosequi with the court on 8/15/2025. I also spoke to Mr. Buschel informing him that I reviewed the case and did file the Nolle Prosequi. I asked Mr. Buschel to send our sincere apologies to Officer Arteaga on behalf of the State Attorney's Office and extended an invitation from State Attorney Harold Pryor to meet with Officer Arteaga in person.