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Media Release

Theft of public funds and retirement fraud investigations

In early 2021, the Broadmoor Police Protection District initiated an investigation into misconduct by former top employees who allegedly abused their positions to pay themselves bonuses and inflated hourly rates while defrauding the public employees' retirement system. The District reported these activities to the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) who investigated the claims who in turn notified outside law enforcement authorities.

The CalPERS investigation culminated with the draft report containing a ten-year audit of employee retirement contributions by the Broadmoor Police Protection District. The CalPERS report stated the former district employees allegedly misappropriated public funds by secretly manipulating the district's financial data; their false claims were also reflected in CalPERS pension figures, which date back a decade starting from 2018.

The Broadmoor Police Protection District strives to ensure the public of our agency's transparency. The allegations of the former employees are being investigated seriously but should not undermine the public's confidence in our agency or law enforcement.

The investigation is ongoing and additional details will be released as they become available. The District intends to fully cooperate with outside law enforcement, CalPERS, and the District's lawyers to seek restitution from those responsible. The final report will be available on the District's website at www.broadmoorpolice.com when made public by CalPERS.

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