



# THE CITY OF MONTEREY

## MEDIA RELEASE

**DATE:** November 20, 2024

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### **UPDATED MEDIA RELEASE ON 2017 POLICE REPORT INVOLVING PETER HEGSETH (AKA PETE HEGSETH)**

Monterey, Calif. – In response to numerous inquiries regarding a 2017 investigation conducted by the Monterey Police Department involving Peter Hegseth (Pete Hegseth) on November 14, 2024, the City of Monterey issued a media release that included a limited disclosure of specific, non-private information relating to complaints or requests for assistance in compliance with the California Government Code.

A redacted version of the report was disclosed to Mr. Hegseth in March 2021. As a result, a redacted version of the MPD investigative report is not exempt from the California Public Records Act.

The Monterey Police Department Report (MPD YG1705129) was completed in November 2017 and forwarded to the Monterey County District Attorney's Office for review.

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### **2017 POLICE INVESTIGATION INVOLVING PETER HEGSETH (AKA PETE HEGSETH)**

Monterey, Calif. – The City of Monterey has received numerous inquiries regarding a 2017 investigation conducted by the Monterey Police Department (MPD) involving Peter Hegseth (aka Pete Hegseth).

There is one police report responsive to these media inquiries. The California Public Records Act generally does not require "...the disclosure of records of complaints to, or investigations conducted by, or records of intelligence information or security procedures of ... any state or local police agency[.]" (Government Code section 7923.600; Williams v. Superior Court (1993) 5 Cal.4th 337, 348.) Under no circumstance does Government Code section 7923.600 "require the disclosure of that portion of those investigative files that reflects the analysis or conclusions of the investigating officer." (Gov. Code, § 7923.605, subd. (b).) Accordingly, the full police report, including its analysis and the conclusions reflected therein, is exempt from public disclosure pursuant to the aforementioned Code sections. Subject to those restrictions, Government Code section 7923.615 requires limited disclosure of specific, non-private information relating to complaints or requests for assistance. The City provides that information, which is set forth below:

1. Date, time, and location of occurrence: Between 10/07/2017 at 2359 hours and 10/08/2017 at 0700 hours, 1 Old Golf Course Road
2. Date/Time of Report: 10/12/2017 at 1223 hours
3. Name/Age of Victim: Confidential
4. Factual circumstances surrounding the incident: The Monterey Police Department investigated an alleged sexual assault at 1 Old Golf Course Road.
5. A general description of any injuries, property, or weapons involved: No weapons or property involved. Contusions to right thigh.

The City of Monterey will not be making any other remarks related to this inquiry.

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