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### PRESS RELEASE

#### **BOSTON POLICE OFFICER CHARGED WITH VIOLATING CIVIL RIGHTS**

Boston, MA... A Boston Police Officer was charged today with violating the civil rights of an unnamed female victim.

United States Attorney Michael J. Sullivan; Kenneth W. Kaiser, Special Agent in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New England; and Albert Goslin, Acting Commissioner of the Boston Police Department, announced today the filing of the one-count Information charging **MICHAEL LOPRIORE**, age 37, of Chestnut Street in Everett, Massachusetts, with Deprivation of Rights Under the Color of Law.

“The conduct alleged in the Information is reprehensible. While only a minuscule percentage of law enforcement officers abuse their power, such incidents unfairly taint the reputation of law enforcement professionals everywhere,” said U.S. Attorney Sullivan. “No one, including a police officer, is above the law. The U.S. Attorney’s Office will continue to ensure that the rights afforded by the Constitution to all citizens of the United States are protected.”

The Information alleges that **LOPRIORE**, who is a 12 year veteran of the Boston Police Department, used his official authority to coerce an unnamed female victim into performing a sex act.

“We greatly appreciate the cooperative efforts among the FBI, the U.S. Attorney’s Office and the Boston Police Department in dealing with these very difficult cases,” stated Acting Police Commissioner Goslin. “Our partnership underscores the BPD’s commitment to pursuing the investigation and prosecution of those who choose to tarnish the BPD badge. The men and woman of the Boston Police Department take great pride in their work and are intent on delivering quality police services. I will not allow one officer’s reckless behavior to undermine the integrity of this department or that of our responsible, dedicated officers.”

If convicted, **LOPRIORE** faces 1 year of imprisonment, to be followed by 1 year of supervised release, and a \$100,000 fine.

The investigation was conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Boston Police Department's Anti-Corruption Unit. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney George W. Vien in Sullivan's Public Corruption Unit.

The details contained in the Information are allegations. The defendant is presumed to be innocent unless or until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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