

TOWN OF TISBURY
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TOWN OF TISBURY SETTLES ROMAN LITIGATION

The Town has reached a full and complete settlement of all claims with the Town's former Police Sergeant, Kindia Roman. With an eye towards resolving this matter amicably, and taking the Town of Tisbury's best interests into consideration, the Town authorized the Town's insurer to engage in settlement discussions with Ms. Roman's representatives during the course of litigation. The Town and Ms. Roman, through counsel, participated in mediation before a Senior Federal District Court Judge, who strongly recommended settlement as compared to protracted litigation. While we believed strongly in the Town's defenses and believed the facts, as we understood them, to be favorable to the Town, we concluded that settlement was the best course of action for the Town and the Police Department.

The agreement provides that Ms. Roman will release the Town from all claims, and withdraw the pending matters against the Town, with prejudice, in exchange for a lump sum settlement payment. The settlement figure arrived at is \$240,000, will be paid by the Town's insurer. The agreement, a copy of which is included herein, expressly provides that the agreement is not to be construed as an admission of liability, and we firmly believe that to be the case.

We wish Ms. Roman the best in her future endeavors. We will make no other comments about the litigation or Ms. Roman and we consider this matter closed.