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PAWTUCKET – State police have verbally informed city officials that the criminal investigation into a Pawtucket Police major has indicated that they found no criminal culpability, the city's Public Safety Director said Thursday.

While city officials are still waiting for state police to provide a written review of the investigation, “they have verbally indicated to us that the criminal investigation they conducted ... could find no criminal culpability,” Public Safety Director Tony Pires told The Times on Thursday.

According to an investigation by The Hummel Report, Pawtucket Police Maj. Bruce Moreau would spend work days playing golf or at home, while collecting thousands in overtime pay. Investigative reporter Jim Hummel's report, which was the result of a four-month investigation, said that Moreau spent days on the links, at his house, or at his parents' home in Pawtucket while he was supposed to be working.

The Hummel Report said city records showed that Moreau earned nearly \$20,000 in overtime in 2014, on top of his \$82,000 annual salary.

As a result, the Rhode Island State Police investigated the allegations.

“Whatever events took place, they couldn't prove beyond a reasonable doubt that there was criminal intent,” Pires added.

Pires said he and Mayor Donald R. Grebien were verbally briefed last week and now the city awaits a written review of the state police investigation.

“We need to take a look at that, make a determination in where our next

step in the process is,” Pires said. “The city wants to make sure we're keeping all of our options open.”

During the course of the investigation, Moreau continued to be an active member of the department, Pires said.

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