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Police Officer Accused Of Health Insurance & Voter Fraud Admitted To Pretrial Program

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NEW BRUNSWICK — A New Brunswick police officer was admitted today into a probationary program known as PreTrial Intervention, or PTI, in connection with theft by deception and voter fraud charges that were filed by the New Brunswick Police Department and resulted in an indictment being handed up by a Middlesex County grand jury, Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan announced.

Lt. Robert F. Tierney, 40, of East Brunswick was indicted on April 21 after an investigation by the New Brunswick Police Department and the Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office determined that he had voted in four elections in New Brunswick between November 2005, and November 2009, while he was living in Milltown and later, East Brunswick.

The investigation also determined that although he had been divorced in December 2008, he failed to notify the city and Aetna Insurance Co. and continued to list his former spouse as a beneficiary to his health insurance plan between January 2009 and September 2009.

During that time, the insurance company paid \$845.07 in claims on behalf of Tierney's ex-wife.

Tierney, who began working for the city police department on Jan. 10, 1994, was suspended with pay after he was charged on Sept. 3, 2010. Following the indictment, he was suspended without pay from his \$115,972-a-year job.

The Middlesex County Prosecutor's Office did not oppose the recommendation by the state Probation Division, Middlesex County Vicinage, allowing Tierney to enter PTI.

The criminal division manager/PTI director determined that Tierney was a good candidate for admission to the program and based the decision on his background and the nature and degree of the charges. The recommendation was approved in New Brunswick by Superior Court Judge Bradley J. Ferencz, presiding judge, criminal division.

PTI is a diversionary program typically offered to first-time offenders who commit non-violent third or fourth degree crimes. Upon successful completion of the program, charges are dismissed.

As a condition of enrollment, Tierney will be required to repay his health insurer \$845.07 for claims that were paid on behalf of his ex-wife. While enrolled in the program, he may not work as a police officer or serve in any other capacity with the New Brunswick Police Department. Upon completion of PTI, city officials will decide whether Tierney should be reinstated.

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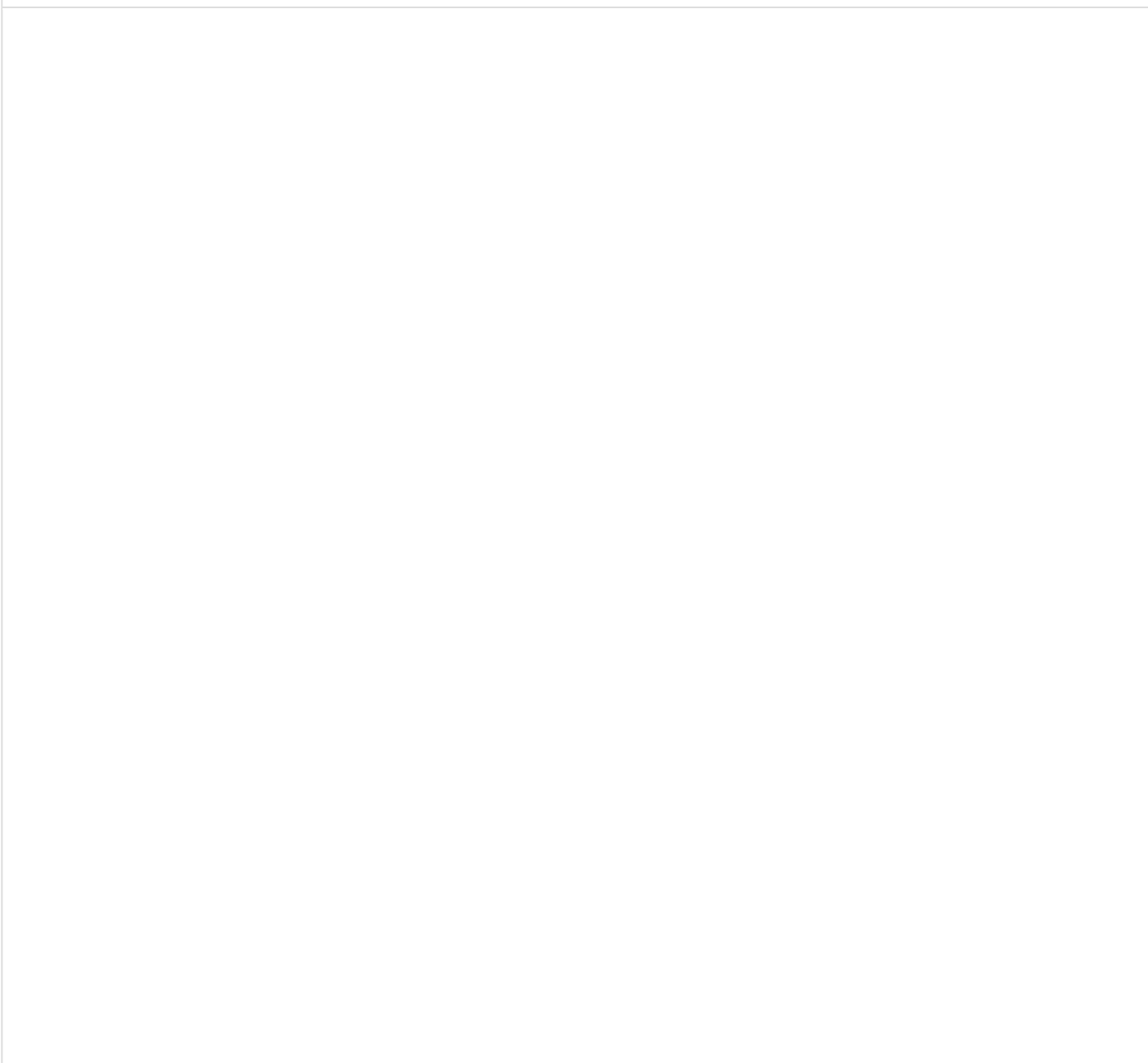
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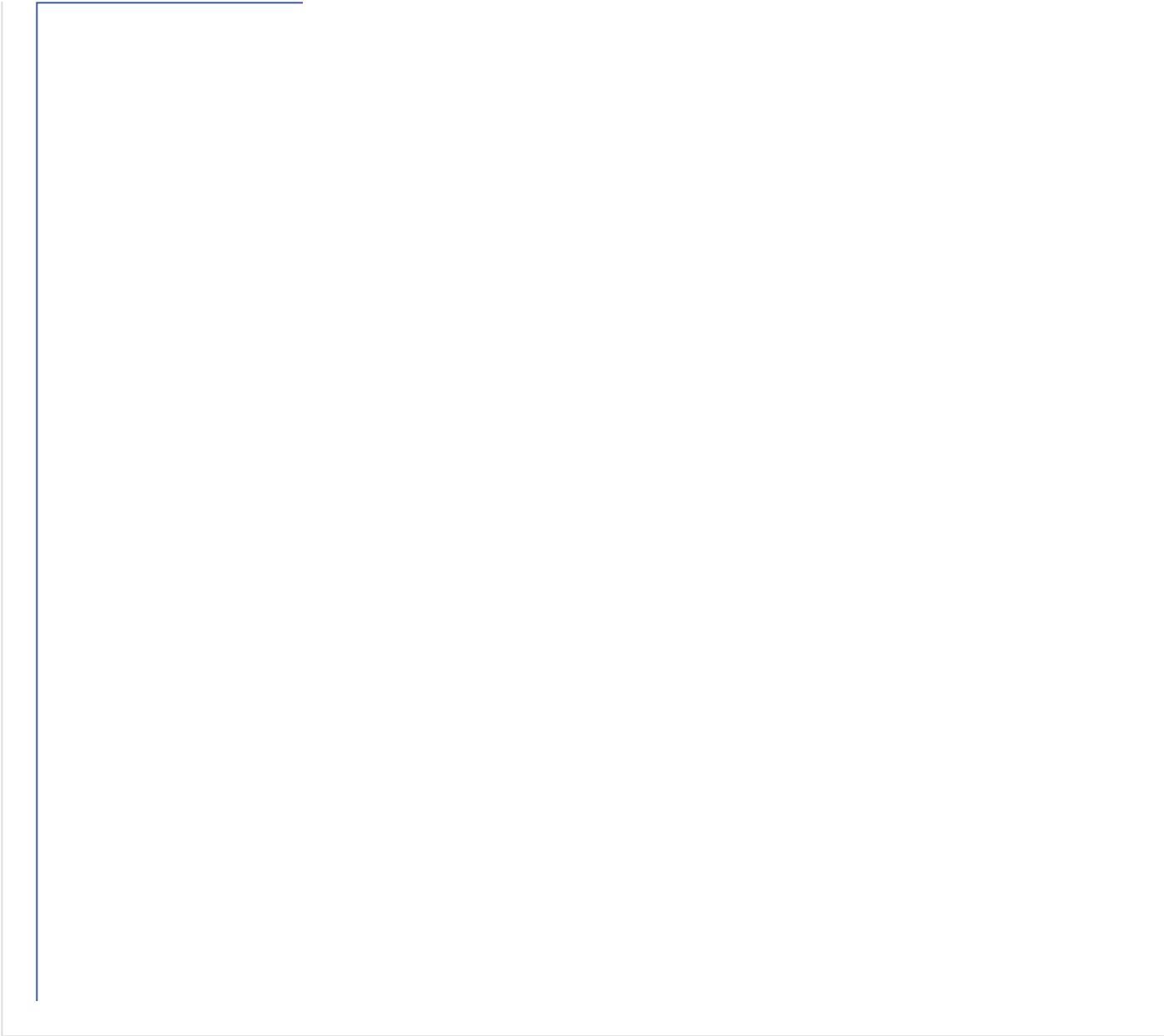




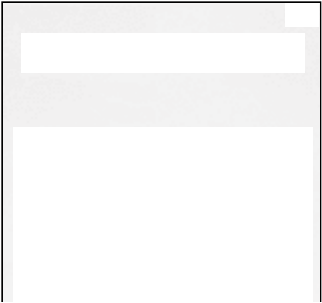
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