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## Variance Request Response

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The investigation concluded on June 24, 2025. Because the matter is now central to ongoing litigation, my ability to comment further is limited.

What I can say is reflected in the public documents you have in your possession, namely: no witness corroborated the allegations in full, and the only independent witness was unable to recall anything of note from that evening other than that all participants appeared to be enjoying themselves.

On June 25, I texted Trustee Ruter that the allegations were “not a Village issue at this point.” That statement accurately summarizes the conclusion of my investigation.

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