



# City of Methuen, Massachusetts

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*Mayor*

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### **Re: Victim Impact Statement / Commonwealth v. Sean Fountain**

Your Honor,

My name is David Paul Beauregard, Jr., I serve as the current Mayor of the City of Methuen, and I speak today for the more than 53,000 residents of my community, the true victims of the breathtaking fraud carried out by Sean Fountain and the circle of people who enabled, protected, and participated in it.

Fountain did not act alone. He could not have acted alone. And the harm inflicted on this City did not come from a single rogue employee – it came from a network of corruption within law enforcement leadership itself.

For years, unbeknownst to the City, Fountain masqueraded as a fake police officer. But standing behind him were former Police Chief Joseph Solomon and former MPTC Executive Director Robert Ferullo – figures with power, influence, and institutional control. These individuals were not incompetent or inadvertent bystanders. They were active participants. They used the authority of their positions to create and conceal the fraud now before this Court.

Solomon inserted a forged academy certificate into the system, filed a bogus 270-day waiver long after Fountain was already working illegally, and even dragged another police department into the scheme under false pretenses – a coordinated deception from the top of the Methuen Police Department. Ferullo then compounded the fraud by giving shifting stories, contradictory explanations, and inconsistent “yellow card” claims that misled both the City and the FBI, obstructing transparency and masking Fountain’s lack of training. These weren’t accidents or mix-ups – they were deliberate acts in a coordinated conspiracy.

And the people of Methuen paid the price.

The damage Fountain himself caused is staggering: he received \$426,520.94 in police pay earned under fraudulent pretenses while he impersonated a police officer – not counting employee benefits, displaced opportunities for credentialed officers, and cost the City thousands of dollars in legal fees and investigative expenses. He sued the City and its officials, including the late Mayor Neil Perry, in federal court. He tried, repeatedly, to use the judicial system itself as a weapon – but it is impossible to separate Fountain’s fraud from the environment that enabled and protected it.

Most troubling of all, this fraud was initially perpetrated while Fountain simultaneously served as an elected member of the Methuen City Council. At the very moment he was unlawfully exercising police authority and drawing a public salary under false pretenses, he was also sworn to represent the people of Methuen as a policymaker. He voted on municipal budgets and contracts, including the infamous 2017 collective bargaining agreement with the Methuen Police Superior Officers’ Association that threatened to bring the City of Methuen to the brink of financial ruin.

Fountain held himself out as a steward of good government – all while defrauding the very constituents he was elected to represent. Few acts strike more directly at the legitimacy of local government than an elected official who simultaneously impersonates a police officer while deceiving the public he is sworn to serve.

While we are here today regarding the criminal cases involving Fountain, it is the questions surrounding the larger actors in this scandal, Solomon and Ferullo, that haunt my community. They are the ones who gave Fountain's misconduct oxygen, longevity, and legitimacy. Without their help, we wouldn't be in this courtroom in the first place.

Your Honor, a sentence of only probation in a conspiracy of this scale is not reasonable, it's not mercy – it is surrender.

It would be an obscene gesture in the face of every resident of the City of Methuen.

This case is about more than white-collar fraud. It is about the integrity of government itself. The consequences of this conspiracy will reverberate for years through civil litigation from criminal defendants whose cases Fountain touched – cases now legally vulnerable because of his unqualified service. The financial risk to our City is enormous. The reputational harm is even worse.

Our residents deserve accountability. Our police officers – those who earned their badges the right way – deserve vindication. And none of that can happen if this Court only sentences Fountain to a period of probation.

On behalf of Methuen's 53,000 residents, I respectfully ask this Court for a sentence that reflects the full breadth of the harm, the full scale of the conspiracy, and the full seriousness of the breach of public trust.

Thank you, Your Honor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "D.P. Beauregard, Jr." in a cursive script.

David P. Beauregard, Jr.  
Mayor  
City of Methuen