



CITY OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT



**INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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Date: May 1, 2026

To: Police and Fire Commission  
From: John Patterson, Chief of Police  
Subject: **Probationary Status Extension**

I am extending the probationary period for Probationary Police Officer Christopher Burden.

Probationary Police Officer Christopher Burden's probationary period was originally scheduled to be completed on November 26, 2025. I extended him to May 26, 2026, due to significant time he missed during field training related to sick leave usage. There is a need to continue to assess Officer Burden's proficiency in patrol services, so therefore I am extending him to November 26, 2026.