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## Press Release

### Social Media Statements on Brandie Nova Anderson

It has been brought to the attention of the TCI Integrity Commission, statements on social media which speak of the Commission's involvement in an alleged investigation. The Commission hereby denies that Ms. Brandie Nova Anderson was under any investigation by the Commission for any alleged acts of corruption or other alleged offences or wrong doing. The Commission further denies any action alleged to have been taken or communication or interaction by the Commission with any agency or institution mentioned in the social media statements in furtherance of the alleged investigation of Ms. Brandie Nova Anderson.

The Commission has a constitutional and statutory obligation to investigate every complaint or report of alleged act of corruption or breach of the Code of Conduct with a view primarily, to establish the truth or falsity of the complaint or report. This is what the Commission proposes to do in this case.

The Commission recognizes that social media provides a platform through which persons freely interact and communicate various information on any matter, using their names, pseudonyms or plainly anonymous. When social media exchanges relate to or concern the Commission or its operations, it is not the policy of the Commission to respond to such exchanges, unless it is absolutely necessary to safeguard not only the effective discharge of the Commission's mandate but also public confidence in its ability to continue to do so. This includes the discharge of its strict confidentiality obligations. Equally to be emphasized, is that persons who use the liberty of social media as a cloak to make or give false and malicious information, complaints or reports against other persons, agencies or institutions, must be prepared to face the severe consequences under the law for so doing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Otuonye'.

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