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Dear Community,

Over the past week, there have been headlines in a number of Front Range newspapers as well as on Lion's Roar and Think Progress regarding an "investigation of possible criminal activities at Shambhala Mountain Center" by the Larimer County Sheriff's Office (LCSO). SMC reached out to the LCSO and spoke with a Public Information Officer there. His response was that information has been forwarded to their office and they are examining it to see if there is anything that requires an official investigation. At this time, we have no information about the specifics of this examination.

Shambhala Mountain Center made statements this year clearly indicating our stance and commitments on allegations of clergy sexual abuse. We are and will always be committed to transparency and full cooperation in any investigation. We have shared updates on our perspective concerning this matter, which can be found <u>on our website</u>.

SMC has offered its support if a formal investigation is launched and remains committed to ensuring that Shambhala Mountain Center remains a safe and nurturing space where our guests and staff can meet their own and others' wisdom. For further details regarding our work in meeting this moment, please review the link above.

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