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MAYOR LUMUMBA ADDRESSES REQUEST TO RELEASE OFFICERS NAMES IN GEORGE ROBINSON INVESTIGATION

“It is the mission of this administration to be honest, open, and fair with our citizens. It is out of this sense of duty to our citizens that the City of Jackson initiated its own investigation after becoming aware of the serious accusations made against the arresting officers in this case by members of the community. In the time since the City opened its investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Robinson’s arrest and death, I have been requested to release the names of the arresting officers per the terms of the executive order to release the names of officers involved in shootings.

Please note that because this is *not* an officer involved shooting, the names of the investigating officers will be withheld for now. In an officer involved shooting there is not a debate concerning whether or not an officer discharged his or her weapon. However, in this instance there are conflicting accounts of the actual incident itself. Accordingly, we must delay our decision as to whether or not the officers’ names will be released until after the Internal Affairs investigation has concluded. It is of the utmost importance that we allow due process to take its course in this case.

Therefore, I am reconvening the Officer ID Task Force to address whether we amend our Executive Order to include the revealing of officers’ names in cases of the potential use of excessive force. I am also issuing an amendment to the executive order to include the establishment of a closed review panel which will determine whether exigent circumstances, such as a credible threat, exist that would prevent the release of officers’ names.” We will continue to honor our commitment to be forthcoming as this investigation moves forward.

-Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba

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