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STATEMENT FROM SHERIFF WOODY REGARDING BATON ROUGE SHOOTINGS

Richmond, Virginia – Today, Sheriff Woody released the following statement regarding the police shootings in Baton Rouge, Louisiana:

"Our hearts are heavy today with the news that more of our brothers and sisters in uniform were assassinated yesterday, this time in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. My thoughts and prayers, as well as those of the entire Richmond Sheriff's Office, are with the Baton Rouge Police Department, the East Baton Rouge Sheriff's Department, and the families and loved ones of those killed and injured. To those whom these shootings have affected, know that your law enforcement family is standing with you in solidarity, and that you have our full support.

I urge the public to continue the path of peace and positive dialogue that we in the City of Richmond have been promoting during these past few weeks of unspeakable violence. Law Enforcement officers exist to protect and serve its citizens. Likewise, I understand there is palpable frustration not just in Richmond, but around the nation. However, the answer to seeking justice is never to attack, injure, and kill law enforcement.

I continue to pray for law enforcement and their families, as well as the families of those who have lost their loved ones in police related shootings."

The Richmond City Sheriff's Office is responsible for maintaining a secure jail and a safe court system, along with seamless inmate transport and civil process to preserve public safety. We remain committed to performing these duties with unsurpassed integrity and professionalism, with progressive training that incorporates best practices and technology. While partnering with the community, we strive to lower recidivism by providing faith-based and community-based programming that empowers ex-offenders to become productive members of society.