STATEMENT OF DIAMOND REYNOLDS IN RESPONSE TO SETTLEMENT OF HER CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF THE SHOOTING DEATH OF PHILANDO CASTILE

The City of St. Anthony and the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust on behalf of the City of Roseville have reached an agreement with Diamond Reynolds, individually and on behalf of her minor daughter, to settle claims for emotional distress and false arrest.

Reynolds and her daughter were passengers in the vehicle driven by Philando Castile when he was fatally shot by Officer Jeronimo Yanez during a July 6, 2016 traffic stop. Neither Reynolds nor her daughter were physically injured in the shooting. As a matter of procedure, both were held by Roseville Police and Reynolds was questioned by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension following the shooting.

The settlement total is $800,000. Minnesota state law caps the amount that can be recovered from any municipality for negligence to a maximum of $500,000 per claimant. The City of St. Anthony paid $675,000 toward the settlement, with the City of Roseville and LMCIT contributing $125,000.00

“The settlement symbolizes that what happened to my daughter and I on July 6, 2016 was wrong. While no amount of money can change what happened, bring Philando back, or erase the pain that my daughter and I continue to suffer, I do hope that closing this chapter will allow us to get our lives back and move forward.”

The agreement allows the parties to avoid the protracted litigation involved with adjudicating state claims and potential federal civil rights claims, which may have taken years to resolve. The settlement does not assume guilt by any of the named parties.

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