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### **Chief MacGillis' Response to John Doe Decision**

Regardless of Judge Yamahiro's decision today, I want my message to be universal.

Respecting the District Attorney's in-depth investigation and His Honor's decision, the legal process will continue moving forward and I want to thank them for their legal review of this incident.

I have never lost sight that a police officer accepts risks inherent with the responsibilities of the job. Nor have I ever lost sight that citizens and police officers are human beings, and all humans are impacted by rapidly unfolding, dynamic and tragic events. The law was written by people for the people and must always be objective, and as such, does not take human emotions into consideration.

I have connected with the Anderson family in private to express my condolences for the loss of their loved one; a son and family member. That conversation was, and will remain, private. I ask for the media and the public to respect their right to privacy as they continue in their grieving process. I pray for their healing.

The officers of the Wauwatosa Police Department continue their dedication to public safety for all citizens and understand that this is a time for community healing and trust building.

Fair and impartial policing is our highest priority while recognizing the human beings who are affected by our public safety efforts.

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