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Statement from the Phoenix Law Enforcement Association Regarding July 4th Officer-involved Shooting

Phoenix, AZ-- The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association (PLEA) President Michael “Britt” London issued the following statement regarding the July 4th officer-involved shooting:

“In the aftermath of the officer-involved shooting that occurred on Saturday, July 4, 2020, District 8 Council Member Carlos Garcia—who has the ability to obtain the most accurate information from the Department due to his elected position— continues to release information that is misleading and inaccurate to further his anti-police agenda.

“On Tuesday, July 7, 2020, Phoenix Police Chief Jeri Williams made an announcement that she has asked the FBI to conduct an independent civil rights review into the incident. PLEA does not agree with the Chief’s decision to include the FBI in this investigation as we don’t believe a civil rights violation occurred. Our officers were left with no option other than using lethal force to protect themselves from a suspect armed with a handgun.

“We believe Chief Williams’ decision was made to appease Councilman Garcia, who has expressed distrust in the current investigative processes which has been proven to be both impartial and unbiased.

“PLEA strongly believes our officers’ actions were both appropriate and justified and the FBI will come to the same conclusion.”

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About PLEA:

The Mission of PLEA is to promote the positive role of the police profession. To protect and secure members’ rights and benefits through effective representation and professional relationships with the community and local, state, and national governments.