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GRAND RAPIDS POLICE DEPARTMENT OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

On Monday, April 4, 2022, shortly after 8:00am, a Grand Rapids Police Officer initiated a traffic stop near the intersection of Griggs Street and Nelson Avenue SE. This traffic stop and the events that followed resulted in the discharge of a firearm and the death of Mr. Patrick Lyoya.

The Michigan State Police has been tasked with investigating this incident. They have begun their thorough investigation, an investigation that is currently three days old. Multiple witnesses have been identified and still need to be interviewed, forensic evidence needs to be analyzed, autopsy and toxicology reports are still pending, and video evidence is still being obtained and reviewed. This investigation is in its earliest stage.

The Kent County Prosecutor's Office is committed to the collection and preservation of evidence in this matter with one goal in mind: the pursuit of the truth. It is essential in the pursuit of justice to allow the investigation to continue to completion before partial information, including video evidence, is released to the public. There are still many questions which remain unanswered. As is our policy with any ongoing investigation, we do not release any material for public consumption.

To maintain the integrity of this investigation, I have requested that involved police agencies do not release any evidence until the investigation is complete. The Kent County Prosecutor's Office has an ethical duty to maintain the Constitutional and legal rights of all parties involved in this incident. While I am committed to the transparency of the process, I also must follow legal and ethical duties to ensure the integrity of the investigation by ensuring that information regarding the event that could compromise the investigation is not released. I am asking for the public's patience and understanding so that the investigation can be completed and achieve its goal of a just result for all involved.

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