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STATEMENT FROM MILLBURN POLICE DEPARTMENT ON THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD

Millburn, NJ – June 1, 2020 – Police Chief Brian Gilfedder issues the following statement regarding the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota:

“First and foremost, the Millburn Police Department (MPD) would like to send our condolences to the family and friends of George Floyd.

The actions of the police officers involved in the incident in Minneapolis, and specifically Derek Chauvin, are a disgrace to law enforcement. As I watched the murder of George Floyd, all I could think was what a horrific, inhuman and unacceptable act. This is a tragic loss of life. We want to assure the Millburn community that this behavior demonstrated by law enforcement professionals is something that will never be tolerated in Millburn Township. All of the officers that were involved in this murder must be held accountable.

We understand that this incident has brought up many emotions; however, we must not allow this tragedy to become a divisive wedge in our community. We must continue to strive for strength and unity. We pride ourselves on our relationship with our supportive community and seek to continue to hold ourselves to these high standards.

We continue to better ourselves as an organization and a community. Our Police Department is continually training on topics such as use of force, racial profiling, harassment, ethics and cultural diversity, among others. We continue to be transparent in notifying the community when our officers don't hold themselves to these trainings and guidelines. MPD is also an accredited agency in the State of New Jersey, which demands adherence to strict guidelines. While we feel the strong support from our residents, we know that respect is earned. We will continue to listen and earn your respect.

Thank you for your support in these trying times and stay safe.”

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