

REMARKS BY NORTH MIAMI CITY MANAGER LARRY M. SPRING, JR.

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A CLEARER PICTURE IS EMERGING OF WHAT HAPPENED MONDAY NIGHT AND THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED UP TO IT.

HOWEVER, FIVE DAYS OUT FROM THIS POLICE INVOLVED SHOOTING, THERE ARE STILL MANY QUESTIONS. AS THE CHIEF SAID YESTERDAY, WE WILL GET ALL OF THE ANSWERS.

BECAUSE THE INVESTIGATION IS ONGOING, FLORIDA LAW PROHIBITS US FROM DISCUSSING CERTAIN DETAILS. WE ARE FOLLOWING THE LAW AND RESPECTING THE PROCESS. HOWEVER, NOW THAT CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS IN THE LAW HAVE BEEN MET, THE CITY IS ABLE TO SHARE WITH YOU A LIMITED AMOUNT OF DETAIL.

THE OFFICER INVOLVED IN MONDAY'S SHOOTING IS JONATHON ALEDDA. HE IS A MEMBER OF OUR SWAT TEAM AND HAS BEEN EMPLOYED WITH THE DEPARTMENT FOR 4 YEARS. HE IS CURRENTLY ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE, AS PER DEPARTMENT POLICY.

THE OFFICER IS REPRESENTED BY THE P-B-A. THE UNION HAS MADE STATEMENTS ON HIS BEHALF. THESE STATEMENTS ARE FROM THE UNION, NOT FROM THE CITY – AS THE LAW REQUIRES THAT WE AS A CITY DO NOT RELEASE DETAILS OF AN ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

ALSO, A SECOND MEMBER OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT INVOLVED IN THE MONDAY NIGHT INCIDENT HAS BEEN PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE WITHOUT PAY. COMMANDER EMILE HOLLANT WAS PLACED ON LEAVE, AFTER EVIDENCE OF CONFLICTING STATEMENTS GIVEN TO INVESTIGATORS ON THIS SPECIFIC CASE. THIS WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

THERE HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF PUBLIC RECORDS REQUESTS TO REVIEW THE OFFICER'S PERSONNEL FILE. WE WILL COMPLY WITH THOSE REQUESTS BY POSTING THE RECORDS TO OUR NORTH MIAMI POLICE WEBSITE LATER TODAY.

AS CITY MANAGER, I AM WELL AWARE OF PUBLIC SENTIMENT.

WE HAVE RECEIVED HUNDREDS OF CALLS AND EMAILS – BOTH AT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND AT CITY HALL. I CAN ASSURE YOU WE ARE LISTENING.

I HAVE ASSEMBLED A TEAM TO REVIEW EACH AND EVERY LETTER, EMAIL, AND CALL RECEIVED AND REPORT BACK TO ME. WE HAVE SET UP A SPECIAL LINE FOR ANYONE TO CALL WITH INFORMATION, A COMMENT, OR SUGGESTION STEMMING FROM THIS SITUATION. THAT NUMBER IS 305 902-6745.

AGAIN, THAT IS 305-902-6745.

WE KNOW THAT UNDER OUR CONSTITUTION, EVERY AMERICAN HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION. WE RESPECT THAT RIGHT. WE HAVE MADE ARRANGEMENTS FOR A FIRST AMENDMENT ZONE TO BE SET UP OUTSIDE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE ANYONE MAY PEACEFULLY GATHER TO EXPRESS THEIR OPINION.

I AM PANELING A COMMITTEE TO SERVE AS MY EYES AND EARS TO THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE CIRCLE OF BROTHERHOOD, OF WHICH MR. CHARLES KINSEY IS A MEMBER OF.

THIS WEEKEND, OUR OFFICERS WILL BE OUT IN THE COMMUNITY VISITING RESIDENTS AND CHURCHES TO SHOW THAT WE STAND WITH THE COMMUNITY, NOT AGAINST THE COMMUNITY.

I CAN ASSURE YOU AS CITY MANAGER, I HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR TEAM AT THE POLICE DEPARTMENT TO DO EVERYTHING NECESSARY TO MAKE SURE OUR FORCE HAS THE BEST TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT TO HANDLE CRISIS SITUATIONS LIKE THIS IN THE FUTURE.

ALSO, F-D-L-E HAS BEEN BROUGHT IN, TO RUN THE INVESTIGATION – AT OUR REQUEST – AND WITH OUR FULL SUPPORT.