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STATEMENT from Minnesota Police Association on State Trooper Charges in Death of Ricky Cobb

(St. Paul, Minnesota) Today the Hennepin County Attorney's Office announced criminal charges against Minnesota State Trooper Ryan Londregan in the death of Ricky Cobb.

Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association General Counsel Imran Ali said, **"County Attorney Moriarty has made politics and ideology her source material, not the law. The law is well-established and clear: law enforcement may use reasonable force if they are confronted with death or great bodily harm. The State Trooper made a critical and necessary decision to use reasonable force during a dangerous and dynamic situation. Law enforcement officers die in similar situations."**

Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association Executive Director Brian Peters said, **"We unwaveringly support these committed individuals as they put their lives on the line each day to keep our communities safe. MPPOA will vigorously defend our trooper who is unjustly charged as a result of acting in accordance with his legal responsibilities. The State Troopers used their training and acted accordingly to arrest the driver and address the imminent threat to both law enforcement personnel and the public at large as the driver unlawfully and dangerously attempted to escape in his vehicle. The State Trooper's actions were driven by his lawful duty."**

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The Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association is the largest organization representing police and peace officers in Minnesota.