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**Statement From the Portsmouth Fraternal Order of Police Regarding The
Termination of Police Chief Angela Greene**

November 19, 2020

The Portsmouth FOP has been following the recent events surrounding Chief Greene and her suspension from duty, and subsequent termination of employment on Nov 16. Many of our FOP members attended a support rally held on the steps of City Hall on November 16, as well as many citizens of the city, to show support for Chief Greene. Chief Greene was terminated as Chief of Police for doing her sworn duty by upholding the laws that she and her officers witnessed being broken.

The decision to terminate Chief Greene's employment, made and announced by Portsmouth City Manager Lavioris Pace, was unbelievable and unjust. Although the FOP does not have any legal or political power concerning the disposition of her case, we have always fully supported her and advocated for her to remain as the Portsmouth Police Chief. The FOP is extremely disappointed in the lack of responsible leadership and poor decision making displayed by the Portsmouth City Manager and the entire Portsmouth Commonwealth Attorney's office. The political "machine" running the city of Portsmouth doesn't seem to care about the police department, its officers or the impact on the safety of the citizens of Portsmouth. No one was held responsible for committing a crime which resulted in destructive property damage and a citizen being severely injured. One political leader referred to the police department as being "rogue" while simply trying to enforce the laws of the city of Portsmouth and Commonwealth of Virginia.

Chief Greene has been the epitome of excellence and leadership in her management of the Portsmouth Police Department. She has been trusted and respected by the men and women of the police department without question. We are confident that in the end Chief Greene will prevail and she will continue to have our continued respect and full support.

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