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INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS; SHOOTING OF LEBANON CITY POLICE OFFICERS *PRESS RELEASE*

On March 31, 2022, City Police were dispatched to a private residence located at 1108 Forest Street in Lebanon City. The caller reported his stepson, identified as Travis SHAUD, broke into his home. Lebanon City Police responded; ultimately four (4) City Officers entered the home. At his first opportunity, SHAUD fired upon the Officers. Police returned fire; SHAUD was pronounced dead on-scene. Lieutenant William Lebo sustained multiple gunshot wounds from SHAUD's attack. While responding Officers attempted life-saving measures, the Lieutenant's injuries proved too great. Lieutenant Lebo gave his life in the line of duty on March 31st. SHAUD struck two (2) additional City Officers with gunfire. Both Officers were rushed to the hospital and received emergency medical care. Each Officer remains stable and continues in his recovery at this time.

The investigation revealed SHAUD had a long-standing history of mental health afflictions. SHAUD refused treatment. Family tried intervention efforts, however, SHAUD forcibly resisted all attempts. SHAUD largely severed familial contact in the months which preceded his assault on police.

On March 31st, a family member returned to his home on Forest Street after work. He recognized SHAUD's vehicle, parked at his house. When he approached the rear-door, he saw SHAUD smashed a window and gained entry to his home. The family member phoned for law enforcement.

Lebanon City Police responded to Forest Street. They met with family members. They generated a layout of the Forest Street residence and developed an entry plan. The family member approached his house with police and retrieved his dog. Notably, the residence contained multiple windows and all Officers drove to the scene in marked police vehicles. Each Officer wore a uniform with his Lebanon City Police badge and patch displayed. The Officers thus visually identified themselves as law enforcement which allowed SHAUD to lay in wait inside the house.

Lieutenant Lebo and other Officers approached the residence's rear door. Lieutenant Lebo carried a police shield, drew his firearm, and announced police presence. He asked SHAUD to show himself and come to the rear door. Three (3) Officers stood behind Lieutenant Lebo. SHAUD initially approached police but concealed his hands. He refused all police commands to

show his hands, grabbed a loaded handgun, and fired three (3) rounds at police. His shots struck Lieutenant Lebo and Officer Derek Underkoffler. Neither man had the ability to defend himself or fire upon the suspect. Neither man possessed the ability to fend off the immediate evil he faced that day.

SHAUD continued his assault and fired additional shots at police. Officers took cover and fired in return. Acting with immeasurable bravery, the Officers defended themselves and their brothers. While initially struck by law enforcement, SHAUD continued with a hail of gunfire. Officers McCarrick and Adams fired upon SHAUD, prevailed, and neutralized the threat.

Officer McCarrick immediately acted to save Officer Underkoffler. He carried Officer Underkoffler away from the suspect and requested a fifth Officer's assistance. Officer McCarrick secured the scene and treated Lieutenant Lebo. Officer McCarrick remained with his Lieutenant until additional help arrived.

Once struck, Officer Adams took cover. Though gravely injured, he radioed for help. Officer Adams stated multiple officers were shot and requested backup. Local police departments, Lebanon County Probation Officers, and the Sheriff's Department all responded. They entered the residence and attempted life-saving measures on Lieutenant Lebo until medics arrived. They treated Officer Adams and Officer Underkoffler. Law enforcement acted selflessly to save their own.

Officers Adams and Underkoffler were transported to the hospital. Both received emergency surgery. Officer Adams was discharged from the hospital and is focused on his recovery. Officer Underkoffler remains hospitalized but in stable condition.

The Lebanon County District Attorney's office responded as the incident was on-going. The Lebanon County Detective Bureau entered the home and took over both the crime-scene and subsequent investigation. SHAUD's assault struck three Officers in total; evidence gathered from the Forest Street home revealed the suspect fired at least seven (7) bullets at police. A review of body-worn camera footage showed SHAUD continued to shoot at the Officers even once initially wounded. Officers McCarrick and Adams attempted to fend the suspect off and fired back. As a result, SHAUD's autopsy revealed multiple gunshot wounds. The Officers faced the gravest of dangers and acted fearlessly to save their own lives.

The investigation proved SHAUD shot Lieutenant Lebo twice; each wound came at close-range and was fatal on its own. Regardless of the efforts made by countless Officers to save his life, the injuries Lieutenant Lebo sustained were beyond repair.

The following are the remarks of District Attorney Pier Hess Graf:

"The shooting on March 31st marks the first line-of-duty death within Lebanon County in over 100 years. Every day, we as a community expect our police officers to suit up, patrol our streets, and ensure our safety. We demand they protect and serve each of us. Each time an Officer responds to a call, each time an Officer approaches a scene, he or she takes the ultimate risk.

When danger looms every day but fails to occur, it's easy to take safety and peace for granted. Behind every officer's badge stands a person. Our police officers are sons, daughters, mothers, and fathers. Every officer who patrols our streets is someone's entire

world. In each moment of every day, police officers defend us from the always-lurking evil of this world. Lieutenant William Lebo ended his watch on March 31, 2022; he laid down his life for his brothers and for our community. He and his family paid the highest price, they made the ultimate sacrifice, to protect each of us.

Lieutenant Lebo is survived by his wife Lora, his mother Rina, and his daughter Corinne. Born in Italy, he and his family came to the United States when his father returned from military service. He became a police officer in Lebanon City and served honorably for forty (40) years. After decades of service, Lieutenant Lebo was set to retire on May 1, 2022. He and his family will never experience the joys of retirement, or the peace of life post-law enforcement.

This past weekend, Lora Lebo issued a statement. Lora's words conveyed a message of forgiveness and one of love. She asked we remember the man we lost, and not the evil which took his life. Lora showed herself to be a woman of the highest caliber. In the midst of her grief, at a time when she could be understandably angry, Lora chose love.

Words cannot properly express the overwhelming sadness, shock, and loss which currently ripples through our community. We expect our police officers to still work every day and serve us. They do so now with heavy hearts. They miss their brother; they worry about those who responded yet felt helpless. They carry unnecessary but understandable guilt. Lora serves as the example we all need today. We as a community, all of our police officers, must somehow move forward.

Over the past week, I've spent a great deal of time reflecting on the shooting and its aftermath. The term 'heroic' fails to adequately label the efforts of the City Police Officers on March 31st. Lieutenant Lebo selflessly laid down his life for the lives of others. Officer Underkoffler, wounded and unaware of the extent of his injuries, fought to survive. Officers Adams and Officer McCarrick fought for each other and their fellow City Officers. Officer McCarrick carried his brother to safety, returned to save his Lieutenant, and he persevered. Officer Adams, bleeding from his injuries, cared only about saving others. These Officers and Lieutenant Lebo took every action we as a community could ever possibly expect. A man at his weakest and lowest point demonstrates the true nature of his being in his actions. On March 31st, the City Police showed themselves to be brave and honorable to the utmost degree.

Being your District Attorney in this moment, I grasp for the words necessary to speak about this shooting. Mere words are inadequate to address the loss we suffered and the heroic actions taken. All I can say to the Lebo family and to our police force in this moment

is that I am grateful to all of you - and I'm so deeply, heartbreakingly sorry.

We now have a choice. We can choose to focus on the evil that day; that choice allows the evil to win. Instead, we can choose to focus on the man Lieutenant Lebo was. The police officer, the husband, the father, and the person he chose to be every single day. We can choose to focus on his heroic actions, and those of Officers Adams, McCarrick, and Underkoffler. We can choose to move forward united. I ask each of you, in the face of what otherwise would be evil, to choose hope."

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pier Hess Graf', written over a horizontal line.

Pier Hess Graf, District Attorney