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PRESS STATEMENT

I am pleased to have resolved the criminal cases against five individuals who were initially charged with Inciting a Riot. My original decision to file felony charges was done so to promote public safety. I do not apologize for that decision, but I understand some, who don't have my responsibility, will criticize it. My agreement to reduce the charges to misdemeanors is the result of extensive conversations and negotiations between myself and the attorneys who represent the individuals.

I believe that the guilty pleas today acknowledge the conduct that led to charges being filed, while offering the individuals an opportunity to dispose of their criminal cases without ruining the remainder of their young lives. After speaking directly with two of the individuals after the plea, I am certain that good will come from this matter. Citizens of Oklahoma County should be assured that the right of the people to peaceably assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances shall not be infringed.

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