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MADISON POLICE UNION ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING SETTLEMENT OF TONY ROBINSON LAWSUIT

(MADISON, WI) – Dan Frei, president of the Madison Professional Police Officers Association (MPPOA), issued the following statement in response to the news that Madison’s insurance company has reached a settlement into the lawsuit filed against Officer Matt Kenny over the March 6, 2015 officer-involved death of Tony Robinson.

The trial over this lawsuit was going to be Matt’s opportunity to confront the false accusations made against him, and now he will never get that chance. The outrageous decision by the city’s insurance company to settle this lawsuit over Matt’s objection is tantamount to throwing him under the bus. Despite the fact that he and his conduct have been rigorously scrutinized by multiple agencies, the Robinson family has done their best to drag his name through the mud. Frankly, given how the plaintiffs in this case have publicly demanded justice, I’m actually shocked that they would settle it short of having their day in court.

Not only does this offensive settlement unfairly undermine Matt’s service and commitment to the people of Madison, it’s certain to hurt the morale at our department as well. The city’s insurance company shouldn’t risk compromising an officer’s credibility and reputation for the sake of its bottom line, particularly when that officer did their job in accordance with their training and the law. Matt Kenny, and all of the officers in the Madison, deserve better.

The MPPOA represents approximately 400 law enforcement professionals who serve the City of Madison as police officers, detectives, investigators, and sergeants.

