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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Service, Integrity, Leadership, and Fair Treatment to All

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**Department Response to Guilty Plea Entered by Kevin Shade**

Kevin Shade resigned from the Metropolitan Police Department on June 25, 2009.

The Metropolitan Police Department-City of St. Louis is committed to rooting out any and all persons who violate the laws they are sworn to uphold. The Department hopes the fact that we are investigating our own and participating in prosecutions when applicable, sends a message that such violations will not be tolerated by the leadership of this Department, will not be tolerated by the officers who refuse to have the actions of the few tarnish the reputations of the many and will not be tolerated by the citizens of St. Louis who expect and deserve better.

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