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**METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Service, Integrity, Leadership, and Fair Treatment to All

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**Metropolitan Police Department Responds to Indictment**

Christian Brezill was terminated from the Metropolitan Police Department on September 30, 2009. He graduated from the St. Louis Police Academy in December of 2007 and had been assigned to the Sixth District. Ronald Jackson retired under charges from the Metropolitan Police Department on October 1, 2009. He graduated from the St. Louis Police Academy in April of 1977 and spent 15 years in the Fourth District, two years in Homicide and 15 years in the Sixth District.

Since being appointed Chief on October 6, 2008, Chief Dan Isom has repeatedly stated that he is committed to rooting out those who violate the laws they are sworn to uphold. Our own internal investigations continue and we continue to participate in and cooperate with the investigations of other law enforcement agencies. We hope that the recent events, the recent investigations and the cooperation of the Department with these investigations, send a message to the community that anything less than the highest levels of integrity will not be tolerated by Chief Isom or the Metropolitan Police Department. The trust of the community is key to our ability to effectively police and we will continue to ferret out those individuals who threaten to damage our relationship with the community.

The Department will have no further comment regarding this case, so as not to negatively jeopardize the prosecution of the case in any way.

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