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## **Statement on Prosecution Decision Related to the Jacob Blake Shooting**

KENOSHA - This afternoon Kenosha County District Attorney Michael Gravely announced that, based on investigatory evidence provided by the independent review of the Wisconsin Department of Justice and outside analysis from nationally recognized law enforcement official Noble Wray, further charges will not be filed by Kenosha County in the August 28th incident that resulted in a Kenosha police officer shooting Jacob Blake.

Representative Tod Ohnstad (D-Kenosha) provided the below statement after this announcement.

"Following an independent review by the state's Department of Justice and the expert recommendations from former Madison Police Chief Noble Wray, the Kenosha County District Attorney has determined that the evidence is not sufficient to support filing charges against the officers involved on August 28. No doubt there has been a great deal of anger, anguish and sadness about this situation and I understand this will not be a satisfying conclusion for many.

Nonetheless, we must channel intense emotions into constructive action, not destructive acts. Our community, our state, and our nation must move forward in progress. Our city is in the process of both rebuilding and growing. I have been heartened by the productive, action-oriented conversations that have taken place at the local level over the past months.

At the state level, a bipartisan stakeholder task force has been considering approaches to tackle racial disparities from both a law enforcement and economic development perspective. I look forward to working with members of law enforcement to ensure policing is as safe as possible for everyone involved and that all tools and best practices are available to mitigate the escalation of a situation. I will continue to advocate for and look forward to formally considering legislative solutions to address the underlying issues that led so many to march here and across the country this year.

This was a heartbreaking event in our city that ended with gunshots and ultimately, more gunshots. We need to do the work wherever possible to prevent this type of outcome in the future. Kenosha is our home and everyone needs to feel safe in their own neighborhood."

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