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To the Citizens of Albemarle County,

Today, August 23, 2013, the Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney released the findings of the Virginia State Police investigation of a police-related shooting in Afton on June 8th involving one of my officers. Officer James Larkin is a veteran of the Albemarle County Police Department and a long-standing member of our community. I'm thankful that the comprehensive State Police investigation and the subsequent independent review by Ms. Denise Lunsford cleared the officer of any wrong-doing.

There are no winners in police-involved shootings and there are often multiple victims in every incident. Thankfully, these tragic events are few and far between. To the family and friends of Gregory A. Rosson, Jr., I am deeply sorry for your loss. To the officer involved in this violent encounter, I am deeply sorry for the emotional scars you will carry the rest of your life as you re-live the events of June 8th. Most importantly, to the woman and the primary victim of this horrible crime, we are deeply sorry that we couldn't get there sooner. Our hearts and prayers go out to you as you work through the physical and emotional scars you will carry with you a lifetime.

Your police department is comprised of regular guys and gals, members of your community, church, club and school. They are extremely dedicated and care strongly about your safety and security. Officer Larkin saved a woman's life and possibly his own the morning of June 8th. Tragically, a man lost his life. As a community, together we will heal and strive for a safer tomorrow.

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