



Monday, December 3, 2018

JOINT STATEMENT

CITY OF HOOVER, ALABAMA AND THE HOOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

WEEKLY UPDATE: POLICE OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING ON NOVEMBER 22, 2018

The City of Hoover and the Hoover Police Department are providing this weekly update to keep the media and the public informed of what we are able to share about the shooting incident that occurred on November 22, 2018, without jeopardizing the ongoing investigation. The shootings injured an 18-year-old young man and a 12-year-old girl and resulted in the police-involved death of Emantic "E.J." Bradford, Jr.

- **Hoover Chief of Police Nick Derzis issues this statement:** "On Saturday, December 1, 2018, Alabama Secretary of Law Enforcement Hal Taylor communicated in writing to Mayor Brocato and myself his agency's stance on the premature release of any critical information in regards to their investigation. Secretary Taylor reiterated the importance of maintaining the integrity of their investigation. He has specifically asked that we do not release any potential evidence as it may not only jeopardize the integrity of the case, but also complicate or delay their efforts. He was very specific in his request, and a copy of his letter is included with this statement. While we maintain our commitment to be fully transparent during this process, we must respect the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's request for full cooperation and continue to have faith in the judicial process. We want the whole truth, unimpeded and not delayed."

Hoover officials are respecting the requests of ALEA to not release any information at the risk of compromising the justice process for everyone involved.

As an investigated party, we are committed to cooperating with ALEA in order to maintain the integrity of their investigation, so the complete truth can be established about the events that transpired on November 22nd.

We want everyone who lives, works or visits Hoover to know that we are committed to the safety of our city, to healing from these tragic events and to the transparency of the ongoing investigation.

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HAL TAYLOR
SECRETARY

December 1, 2018

Mayor Frank V. Brocato
Chief Nicklaus C. Derzis
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Hoover, AL 36216

VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Dear Mayor Brocato and Chief Derzis,

Please allow this letter to serve as requested clarification of ALEA's policy regarding the disclosure of information during a pending criminal investigation: It is imperative for the integrity of any criminal investigation conducted by ALEA that information obtained by SBI Agents be kept confidential until an investigation is officially closed and a report is made to the appropriate prosecuting authority.

Accordingly, ALEA continues to request the City of Hoover's full cooperation and support in not disclosing any information or evidence relevant to the shooting incidents that occurred on Thursday, Nov. 22, at the Riverchase Galleria, in Hoover, AL as those matters are currently under investigation by the SBI at the request of Tenth Judicial Circuit District Attorney Danny Carr. Disclosure by the city of such information or evidence may jeopardize the integrity of or unnecessarily complicate and/or delay SBI's pending investigations and the associated judicial process. This request specifically includes nondisclosure by the city of paper documents, records, tangible things, and electronically stored information created by or in possession or under the control of the city, which may be relevant to the events in question, including but not limited to any reports, written statements, electronic records, video and audio recordings, and physical evidence.

Please ensure that any additional evidence that may be identified during the course of SBI's investigations that has not already been provided by the city is forwarded to ALEA'S SBI Agents immediately. Please also do not hesitate to contact me if additional clarification is required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hal Taylor".

Hal Taylor
Secretary