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STATEMENT: MPPOA Reacts to Sentencing of Former Police Officer Kim Potter

(St. Paul, Minn.) – In reaction to today’s sentencing of former Brooklyn Center police officer Kim Potter in the April 11, 2021 death of Daunte Wright, the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association Executive Director Brian Peters issued the following statement:

“While we disagreed with the trial verdict, we respect the court and jury’s role, and appreciate the significant downward departure in sentencing of 24 months in custody. Two-thirds will be served in prison, while one-third can be served on conditional release. This is a significant decrease from the state sentencing guidelines of an average of seven years in custody.

We are thankful for Judge Chu’s thoughtful approach in her stated reasoning, as she recognized Ms. Potter’s law enforcement service and that she made a tragic mistake.

We also acknowledge the actions of Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison in advocating for a just sentence for Ms. Potter and commend the professionalism in advancing a sentence commensurate with Ms. Potter’s actions.”

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