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## COLONEL W. STEVEN FLAHERTY STATEMENT FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HEIDI CHILDS AND DAVID METZLER

“Tonight, the Virginia State Police grieves with Sgt. Donald Childs and his family during this deeply difficult and painful time. I extend my most heartfelt condolences and deepest sympathies to his loved ones, along with all members of his state police family. I also ask that you keep the Metzler family in your thoughts and prayers as they grieve for David.

During this time of tremendous sorrow, the Childs family asks for members of the press to respect their privacy as they mourn the loss of their young daughter, Heidi. The family is not prepared to take any calls or issue any further statements at this time. We hope that you will respect their wishes.”

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