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Statement on Recent Presidential Pardons

The events of January 6th represented a brazen assault on law enforcement and the very foundations of our democracy. The actions of over 1,500 individuals led to approximately 140 police officers being injured while defending the Capitol. Tragically, in the days and weeks following the attack, four officers died by suicide, and another passed away after suffering multiple strokes related to his injuries.

Crimes against law enforcement professionals undermine the rule of law and the foundation of truth and justice. Accountability is not optional. Pardoning those responsible for these attacks constitutes a miscarriage of justice and dishonors the sacrifices of those who stand in the line of duty to uphold the principles of law and order.

The National Black Police Association does not condone recent pardons issued by Presidents Trump and Biden. We encourage all supporters of public safety to call on their local governments, policymakers, and elected officials to send a strong message that such actions will not be tolerated. These pardons must not embolden individuals to commit future crimes against first responders.

We must stand united to ensure the sacrifices made on January 6th were not in vain. Let us recommit ourselves to the values of accountability and justice as we work together to build a future where such acts of violence are never repeated.

Respectfully,

National Chair Suwana Kirkland & The NBPA Executive Board