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DC POLICE UNION WELCOMES INTERIM CHIEF JEFFERY CARROLL

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Washington, D.C. – The DC Police Union, representing more than 3,000 active officers of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), today welcomes Mayor Muriel Bowser’s appointment of Assistant Chief Jeffery Carroll as Interim Chief of Police following Chief Pamela Smith’s resignation amid damning revelations of systemic crime data manipulation and a toxic work environment confirmed by the USAO-DC and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

Assistant Chief Carroll brings more than two decades of distinguished service to MPD. Beginning as a patrol officer in 2002, he rose through the ranks with proven leadership as Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Commander of the Special Operations Division, and Assistant Chief of the Homeland Security Bureau, where he managed high-profile national security events and strengthened federal partnerships.

“The DC Police Union is optimistic that Interim Chief Jeffery Carroll will usher in a new era of honest leadership, while working to undo the misguided and detrimental policies enacted by DC Council, and prioritize the safety of both residents and officers,” stated Gregg Pemberton, President of the police union. “His proven track record in operational excellence and crisis management positions him uniquely to root out corruption, restore accurate reporting, boost morale, and ensure every crime is properly investigated and every victim receives justice. We stand ready to partner with him to rebuild trust and make MPD a department we can all be proud of.”

To begin this essential cleanup, the union demands that Interim Chief Carroll’s first order of business be the immediate suspension of Assistant Chief Andre Wright and Assistant Chief LaShay Makal, both directly implicated in the USAO-DC findings for their roles in directing and overseeing rampant misclassifications of serious crimes. Their continued authority undermines reform efforts and repeats the same unequal application of discipline that has plagued the department. No delays, no excuses, the corrupt elements must be removed to clear the path forward.

The DC Police Union looks forward to working closely with Interim Chief Carroll, Mayor Bowser, and federal partners to implement lasting reforms that serve the people of Washington, D.C.