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### **DC Police Union Statement on Arrest of Management Official for Solicitation of a Minor**

Lieutenant Matt Mahl has not been a member of the Union for nearly 8 years

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Washington, DC – The DC Police Union was made aware of the arrest of Metropolitan Police Department Lieutenant Matthew Mahl on charges related to the alleged solicitation of a minor. These allegations are extremely serious and disturbing. Much of the reporting on this matter is framed as if he is currently affiliated with our organization. This is false.

Lt. Mahl served in an elected leadership role with the DC Police Union from 2016 to 2018 when he was a sergeant. During his tenure with the Union, he was subjected to a recall referendum for allegations of corruption and collusion with MPD management to subvert union rights.

Shortly after he left this position, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, a management position outside the bargaining unit which is NOT represented by the Union. Since his promotion to Lieutenant, he has held only special assignments within the MPD's management structure and has not been involved in any capacity with the DC Police Union.

The DC Police Union does not represent management personnel, including lieutenants, and has had no affiliation with or involvement with Lt. Mahl since 2018. We have no further comment on this matter, which pertains to an individual who has not been part of our organization for nearly a decade. All questions regarding this management official should be directed to MPD.

The DC Police Union remains committed to supporting the dedicated men and women of the Metropolitan Police Department who serve the residents of the District of Columbia with integrity and professionalism.