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STATEMENT OF CHIEF LEDUFF ON FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INVOLVING CHARGES AGAINST TWO FORMER POLICE OFFICERS

"We were aware of this investigation from the very beginning and have cooperated fully. When we were informed recently that two of our officers had been accused of illegal activity, I immediately took steps to terminate them. However both of them chose to voluntarily separate themselves from the department before the termination process could be completed.

It is sad anytime our police officers forget what that badge we wear represents. But I have been assured that these are the only two officers involved. It is important to stress that this is an isolated situation and is not systemic.

Most police officers would never participate in, or condone, any such activity. In fact, they're offended by it because they've devoted their lives to fighting against this very sort of conduct.

Our department has repeatedly shown that nothing is more important to us than maintaining the public's trust and confidence. Our record clearly demonstrates that we have never hesitated to take appropriate action when one of our employees violates that trust. We owe that to the citizens of this community, and we owe it to the 99% our officers who are dedicated, honorable professionals that risk their lives every day standing up against criminal activity."

Although there is no evidence that any other officers of the Baton Rouge Police Department are involved, there is still an ongoing federal criminal investigation, and therefore we will not have any further comment until it is concluded."