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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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RALEIGH, N.C. – The North Carolina Sheriffs' Association (the Association), representing all 100 sheriffs in our state, is aware of racially-charged comments allegedly made by Columbus County Sheriff Jody Greene, that shock the conscience. The comments made on the recording are inflammatory, racially derogatory, insulting, and offensive.

The Association believes sheriffs are and should continue to be held to the highest standards of professionalism, ethics, principles, and morals and should serve their communities regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, or sex. Comments that disparage any North Carolina citizens certainly do not meet those standards.

The preamble of the Association's Constitution creates an Association that establishes "bonds of confidence, respect and friendship" among the sheriffs across the State, maintains peace for NC citizens, and seeks to gain the public's confidence through the "courtesy, honesty, integrity, and dependability of the sheriffs of North Carolina."

Therefore, the Association's Executive Committee (governing board) voted unanimously to hold a hearing to determine, pursuant to the Association's Constitution and Bylaws, an "appropriate resolution for the matter," up to and including expulsion of Sheriff Greene from membership in the Association.

The Executive Committee provided Sheriff Greene due notice of the hearing and the opportunity to be heard, likely to be held tomorrow, Friday, September 30 at a time selected by the Executive Committee.

Upon being notified this afternoon of the Executive Committee's decision to schedule a hearing, Sheriff Greene resigned his membership in the Association to avoid causing any controversy for the Association.

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