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FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE EXPRESSES OUTRAGE OVER RELEASE OF INMATES

CARY, North Carolina -- The North Carolina State Lodge, Fraternal Order of Police, has joined Governor Perdue and various victims advocacy groups expressing shock over a N.C. Supreme Court ruling that forces the early release of murderers and rapists, some of whom were originally sentenced to death. One of these 20 inmates murdered a law enforcement officer, State Trooper Guy Davis, in 1975. The State Lodge, which represents over 6,000 active and retired law enforcement officers, is the largest law enforcement association in North Carolina.

Terry Mangum, President of the State Lodge, stated, "I am outraged. Outraged personally, and outraged on behalf of every law enforcement officer and family member in this state." Mangum further stated that, "Our court system has failed us and our fellow citizens of North Carolina. It is bad enough that these inmates are being released, but when one of them is a 'cop killer' that is just unacceptable."

The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police fully supports the Governor's attempt to find a way to deny or delay the impending release of these inmates which is scheduled for October 29th.

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