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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Today is a difficult day. As you may have heard, two members of this Department have been federally indicted. While I won't go into specifics about the case, if substantiated, these allegations are a disgrace to what I and all of you have dedicated our lives to and risk our lives for.

These allegations undermine the sacred meaning of what it is to be a Chicago Police Officer and what our star that we proudly wear on our chest represents. Many heroic men and women have died for what our star represents. Every day thousands of Chicago police officers continue to risk their lives for the same sacred meaning. In the last two years all of you have stepped up to overcome very public and very formidable challenges in the name of service and dedication to this city and our profession.

For that, I am honored to work side-by-side with each one of you. This vocation – this true calling of being a police officer has taught me the meaning of honor, tremendous sacrifice and genuine public service. Today's news is difficult for all Chicago police officers. Do not let it undermine the hard work you do every day, the sacrifices you make, and the vow you took to uphold the public's trust.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eddie T. Johnson".

Eddie T. Johnson
Superintendent of Police