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NFOP PRAISES OUTCOME OF LT. RICE'S TRIAL

Chuck Canterbury, National President of the Fraternal Order of Police, expressed satisfaction with the outcome of the trial for Lieutenant Brian Rice in Baltimore today.

Canterbury said, "We knew from the beginning that Lt. Rice was innocent and wrongly charged with these crimes like the rest of the officers that have been on trial. The outcome of today's trial just proves that Lt. Rice did everything by the book, like every other officer that was present at the arrest that day, despite the false charges against him."

"It is terrible that in our country today that law enforcement officers doing their job the right way can still be falsely accused of misconduct and have their lives potentially ruined, even though the facts were there from the very beginning that no misconduct occurred." Canterbury continued, "It is time to end this witch hunt that State's Attorney Mosby has been leading. She has disgraced her office and there should be charges of prosecutorial misconduct brought against her immediately. There's been a lot of loose talk about the so-called Ferguson effect. What officers are really worried about is the Mosby effect – prosecutors on a witch hunt prosecuting police officers who are just doing their job."

The men and women of law enforcement around this country will continue to stand up and protect the people of our great country no matter what. They will continue to do this even though members of the media and our elected officials continue to stay silent and ignore the facts.

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest law enforcement labor organization in the United States, with more than 330,000 members.

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