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## **LAWSUIT RESPONSE**

Police Chief Jerry Dyer would like to issue the following response to media requests on the A.C.L.U. lawsuit regarding the release of officers' names involved in the Beaty incident.

"The City of Fresno believes we have a legal basis for withholding the names of the officers involved until the entire investigative process is complete. Nevertheless a decision has been made to release the names of the two officers involved." Chief Jerry Dyer said.

The two officers are:

Officer Jeff Gross, 7-years service with the Fresno Police Department Officer Scott Payn, 10-years service with the Fresno Police Department

Both officers are currently on modified duty with the department.

"In addition to the administrative process, the F.B.I. will be reviewing the investigation," Chief Dyer said.

Please contact Public Information Officer Jeff Cardinale at 621-2486 (desk) or 978-9689 (Cell) with any media inquiries.

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