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MSD STATEMENT

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Statement from MSD Executive Director Tony Parrott

— On behalf of MSD —

Along with the Louisville community, MSD continues to mourn the loss of Louisville Metro Police Detective Deidre Mengedoht. Her death is a tragedy. Our deepest condolences go out to her family and the Louisville Metro Police Department who serve our community every day.

I also want to provide clarification as we move forward. MSD's initial decision to retain legal counsel for tractor trailer driver Roger Burdette, was based on what we knew at the time of the accident — specifically, that an employee was involved in an accident while on the job and in an MSD vehicle. After further consideration with the MSD Board and leadership, MSD decided we would not be involved in Mr. Burdette's criminal defense.

We understand that our initial decision has upset many and for that we apologize. Please know that no written contract was formalized with the defense attorney and no MSD funds have or will be used for defense in Mr. Burdette's criminal case. In addition, MSD has begun the process to terminate Mr. Burdette's employment through MSD and union contract processes. He has been on unpaid status since being arrested.

Since the accident occurred, I've heard from our employees and our customers and I know they are hurting. I share in this pain. This is an extremely difficult time for the community and especially for those of us working in public service.

As public servants, we get into this line of work to strengthen the community in which we live. And we do that by working together. This accident involved one employee, not all of our employees. I value the work of our employees—performed day in and day out—to manage and treat wastewater, provide drainage solutions and protect residents from flooding. Providing safe, clean waterways for Louisville is our mission and I appreciate their partnership in rising to meet that challenge for the community.

Detective Mengedoht will be dearly missed.



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About MSD

The Louisville/Jefferson County Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) works to achieve and maintain clean, environmentally safe waterways for a healthy and vibrant community. The organization's more than 650 employees provide wastewater management, drainage and flood protection services across the 376 square miles of Louisville Metro. In addition to operating and maintaining Louisville Metro's sewer system, floodwall system, water quality treatment centers and flood pumping stations, MSD invests in hundreds of infrastructure improvement projects each year, plants more than 1,000 trees and other vegetation annually to enhance water filtration and reduce runoff, and provides numerous outreach programs to inform and educate the community about protecting our waterways.