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## Official Statement of the Alberta Criminal Justice Association

The board and membership of the Alberta Criminal Justice Association joins the community in mourning the loss of Sgt. Andrew Harnett of the Calgary Police Service.

Given the deep sorrow, grief and pain being experienced by family, friends, and the community at large, and with the court process just beginning to unfold, we commend those media stakeholders who recognize the ethical, moral and legal imperative not to sensationalize or disseminate confidential information or evidence not yet introduced by the Crown as public record.

In mourning, we reflect on the commitment and sacrifice of Alberta's peace officers, aptly captured in the words of The Honourable Judge M.G. Allen in *R v Micks*, 2014 ABPC 140:

The lot of a police officer is a challenging one. Police dispatchers send officers to deal with trouble. The nature of the trouble may not be entirely certain and the officers may not know exactly what awaits them. [O]thers may walk away from trouble; a police officer has a duty to walk towards it. [emphasis added]

With remembrance,

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