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Statement of Common Council President Michael J. Murphy December 22, 2014

It's important, in the wake of the district attorney's decision today, that we recognize first and foremost the pain that continues for the family of Dontre Hamilton. At the heart of this tragedy are a mother who lost her son through a violent death and a family that is missing a loved one in this holiday season. They have suffered for nearly eight months awaiting answers, and our community continues to grieve with them.

Some members of our community may feel the need to express their feelings in the wake of this decision. Though the family and officer are at the heart of this matter, the community as a whole has been traumatized and continues to try to make sense of this situation. If there are demonstrations or disobedience, I would implore those who participate to express themselves in a manner that does not place members of the public in harm's way.

It is everyone's right to make their voices heard, just as it is everyone's right to go about their business in safety. My thoughts and prayers go to everyone involved.

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