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Press Release

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As an elected official for the City of Hernando, I feel obligated to address issues that affect the city both positively and negatively. I want to be clear, this statement represents my thoughts as a city alderman. It is in no way a representation of other aldermen, the mayor, or city employees thoughts regarding recent news reports of our police department. I want to outline several issues that are important.

First, there has been a false media narrative established in the country over the past decade that police officers routinely use excessive force. This cannot be further from the truth. The overwhelming number of police officers go to work every day and conduct themselves in a professional manner. The actions of a very small percentage should not represent the profession as a whole. The vast majority of Hernando Police Officers do an excellent job.

Second, the actions of Mr. Hoyle should not be understated. If he had complied with the officers this entire incident would not have occurred. Mr. Hoyle pled guilty to a felony crime. I feel a lack of personal responsibility is prevalent in the world today and this is just another example.

Third, I welcome the investigation by the Department of Justice into our police department. It is important to be fully transparent. It is obvious that the news reports have raised some serious questions as to how our police department operates. These questions should be addressed immediately.

Lastly, the actions on the news reports does not represent the spirit of Hernando or it's residents. Hernando is a great place to live, work, and raise a family. We expect our citizens to be held accountable when they violate the laws and we should not expect anything less from our police officers.

Please feel free to forward any further questions to [chad@chadwickermms.com](mailto:chad@chadwickermms.com)

Respectfully submitted,