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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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VIDEO RELEASE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is releasing video involving Officer Steven Pohorence and his previous uses of force. Officer Pohorence is currently under investigation by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for his alleged actions during the May 31, 2020 protest that took place in Downtown Fort Lauderdale.

Today, we are releasing seven videos, all of which involve Officer Pohorence and his previous self-reported use of force incidents. Chief Rick Maglione identified two of these videos to be of concern. FDLE has since been notified and is conducting a further review of the incidents.

This morning, Chief Maglione amended our existing policy to require the Office of Internal Affairs to review all body worn camera video associated with response to resistance incidents. Previously our policy only mandated written reports be reviewed. Additionally, a new sergeant position has been created and will be assigned to the Office of Internal Affairs to facilitate this new process providing a more thorough and comprehensive review.

Currently, Officer Pohorence remains on administrative leave pending the outcome of his current investigations. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department remains committed to being honest and transparent with our community, visitors, and officers while also striving to deliver the best and most professional law enforcement in the nation.

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