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Statement from Governor Jonny Abrahms of Kentucky

My fellow Kentuckians,

In light of recent events involving the Kentucky State Police and the local National Guard, I want to address the situation with utmost transparency and clarity.

It has come to our attention that a rogue unit within the local National Guard has been operating outside the bounds of law and order. This unit's actions, including the kidnapping of a Kentucky State Trooper, are unequivocally criminal and will not be tolerated. The suspects responsible for this heinous act will be apprehended and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Effective immediately, the commanding officer of this rogue unit will be forced to resign. This is a necessary step to ensure accountability and restore trust within our National Guard. Additionally, a comprehensive and in-depth investigation will be conducted to uncover the full extent of this rogue unit's activities and to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future.

I also need to address the decision made by the Kentucky State Police to declare the entire local National Guard a terrorist organization. This declaration was made impulsively, hastily, and without the consultation of public officials. Such a reckless decision is deeply concerning and will require our attention at a later date. For now, our focus must remain on resolving the immediate crisis and ensuring the safety and security of all Kentuckians.

Public safety remains our top priority, and I want to reassure everyone that there is no immediate threat to the general public. We are committed to addressing these issues with the seriousness they demand. Our priority is to uphold justice, maintain order, and protect the citizens of Kentucky. We will work diligently to ensure that those responsible for these actions

are held accountable and that the integrity of our law enforcement and military institutions is preserved.

I want to express my unwavering support for the majority of the Kentucky State Police and National Guard members who are dedicated to serving and protecting our community. Their commitment to our safety and security is invaluable, and the actions of a few should not overshadow their dedication and sacrifice.

We are also cooperating closely with federal authorities to ensure a thorough and unbiased investigation. This collaboration is crucial in uncovering the truth and restoring trust in our institutions.

To the victims and their families, we stand with you and will provide all necessary support and resources during this difficult time.

I urge everyone to remain calm and united. The actions of a few do not reflect the values and dedication of the majority. Together, we will overcome this challenge and emerge stronger as a community.

Thank you for your attention and understanding during this challenging time.

Sincerely,
Governor Jonny Abrahms

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