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Please see the following remarks provided by Colonel Steve Sellers at the press conference.

Good morning. I'm Steve Sellers, the Chief of Police for Albemarle County, Virginia and I'm joined up here today by Chief Timothy Longo of the Charlottesville Police Dept. and Ms. Denise Lunsford, the County's prosecutor.

On behalf of the Albemarle County Police Department and my colleague Chief Longo, our sincere appreciation goes out to the many community members and citizens who assisted in the search for Hannah Graham or supported our work each and every day. Our efforts to this point would not be possible without the dedication and commitment from our partners in the, Virginia Department of Emergency Management, the FBI, the Virginia State Police, and the Albemarle Co. Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue Team. Too numerous to mention, we are also grateful to all the public safety professionals who contributed resources to this effort.

Following the discovery of Hannah Graham's remains in Albemarle County by a sergeant from Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office on October 18th, the criminal investigation transitioned from the Charlottesville Police Department to the Albemarle County Police Department. This transition was made easy since Chief Longo requested our involvement from the very early stages of the search and investigation. To best maintain continuity throughout the investigation, Chief Longo graciously allowed his investigative resources to continue working with our investigative team throughout the last few months.

Following an extensive investigation and a successful multi-jurisdictional partnership, the Albemarle County Police Department has completed the investigation into the disappearance and death of Hannah Graham. Yesterday afternoon, Albemarle County and Charlottesville City police detectives met with Fairfax County authorities to serve a Capias and 4 indictments on Jesse Matthew.

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This case now officially transitions over to the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney for prosecution. To talk about the charges and the legal process to follow, please allow me to introduce Ms. Denise Lunsford, the Albemarle County prosecutor.

**Colonel Steve Sellers
Chief of Police**

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