



CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OUR SYMPATHIES ARE WITH THE FAMILY OF MS. SANDRA BLAND FOR THEIR LOSS. THE FAMILY IS JUSTIFIABLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF HER DEATH, AND THEY DESERVE ANSWERS.

THIS INCIDENT IS CURRENTLY BEING INVESTIGATED BY COUNTY AND STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, AS IT SHOULD BE.

AT THIS TIME, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT ANY MEMBER OF THE PRAIRIE VIEW POLICE DEPARTMENT HAD ANY CONTACT WITH MS. BLAND AFTER HER ARREST AND BOOKING.

MS. BLAND WAS NOT UNDER THE SUPERVISION OR CONTROL OF THE PRAIRIE VIEW POLICE AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH OR THE DAYS LEADING UP TO THIS TRAGIC EVENT.

PLEASE KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT THE CITY OF PRAIRIE VIEW WILL DO WHATEVER IS NECESSARY TO ASSIST OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES, AND ANY OTHER INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, TO DETERMINE WHAT CAUSED THE DEATH OF SANDRA BLAND.

WE DO KNOW THAT A PRAIRIE VIEW POLICE OFFICER PROVIDED BACK-UP FOR THE DPS TROOPER WHO MADE THE ARREST.

THAT OFFICER'S CONDUCT IS UNDER REVIEW FOR COMPLIANCE WITH STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES.

WE WILL WAIT UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION IS CONCLUDED TO DETERMINE IF ANY FURTHER ACTION IS TO BE TAKEN BY THE CITY.

IN THE MEAN TIME, WE JOIN OTHERS IN SEEKING A THOROUGH AND COMPLETE INVESTIGATION, AND THAT IT PROCEED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE CAN ALL FIND ANSWERS TO THE MANY QUESTIONS SURROUNDING MS. BLAND'S FINAL HOURS.

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