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## **STATEMENT FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK HERRING AND FAIRFAX COUNTY COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO**

~REGARDING TODAY'S FEDERAL COURT RULING GRANTING THE US PARK POLICE OFFICERS  
WHO SHOT AND KILLED BIJAN GHAI SAR IMMUNITY~

**Fairfax County (October 21, 2021)** – Attorney General Mark R. Herring and Fairfax County Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano issued the following statement regarding today's ruling granting Supremacy Clause immunity to the US Park Police Officers who shot and killed Bijan Ghaisar:

"We intend to appeal this decision to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals because we do not believe the law allows an individual to circumvent the accountability of the criminal justice system simply because of who their employer is. We believe that a jury should have the opportunity to hear all of the evidence and determine whether these men committed a crime when they shot and killed Bijan Ghaisar."

Ghaisar, of McLean, was stopped in Fairfax County on November 17, 2017 by US Park Police officers after he was involved in a traffic accident on the George Washington Parkway. During the stop the officers shot and killed him. A Fairfax County special grand jury convened by Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano indicted the officers for manslaughter and reckless discharge of a firearm in 2020.

*Note: All defendants are innocent until proven guilty.*

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