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STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL MARK HERRING AND FAIRFAX COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY STEVE DESCANO

~ On the Judge's decision to keep the criminal case against two U.S. Park Police officers who fatally shot Virginian Bijan Ghaisar in federal court ~

Fairfax County, VA – Attorney General Mark R. Herring and Fairfax Commonwealth's Attorney Steve Descano issued the below statement after Judge Hilton's decision this morning to keep the criminal case against two U.S. Park Police officers, who fatally shot Virginian Bijan Ghaisar, in federal court. Earlier this month, Attorney General Herring and Commonwealth's Attorney Descano had asked that the case be remanded back down to state court:

"We are disappointed in the judge's ruling to keep this case in federal court as we believe that the Commonwealth must be able to hold people accountable for crimes that they commit in Virginia. That being said, today's decision will keep this case moving forward toward finally getting justice for Bijan Ghaisar and his family. We look forward to working together in the future as we continue to fight for fairness, equality, and opportunity in Virginia."

Attorney General Herring and Commonwealth's Attorney Descano have been working collaboratively on this complex and important matter to pursue justice in Bijan Ghaisar's case.

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