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***** NEWS RELEASE *****

Berkeley, California (Friday, September 15, 2006) – In an attempt to balance his officers' rights and keeping the community informed, Chief Douglas Hambleton has announced that two Berkeley Police Officers have been placed on administrative leave, pending the outcome of an in-depth internal affairs investigation.

The possibility of misconduct by police employees is not the news agencies want to share, but the community can be assured that these allegations will be met with swift action and the possibility of serious consequences.

The fact that these investigations are personnel matters and are currently internal in nature, the names of the employees and the details of these investigations are deemed confidential. If either of these investigations rises to the level that they are subject to public disclosure, BPD will offer details at that time.

When allegations of misconduct come to light, it is the policy of the Berkeley Police Department to immediately place the employee on administrative leave, and the BPD Internal Affairs Unit launches an objective internal investigation.

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