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STATEMENT FROM MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS ON GOODSON VERDICT **Officer Caesar Goodson Found Not Guilty on all Charges**

A statement from Executive Director Alvin O. Gillard: “The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights acknowledges Judge Barry G. Williams for his thorough consideration of all of the evidence presented during the trial of Officer Caesar Goodson in Freddie Gray’s death while in police custody. While our judicial process is far from perfect, we respect it and appreciate the discipline with which Judge Williams rendered his verdict.

It is incredibly important that we not let the frustration rippling throughout some of our most vulnerable communities divide us even further. There remains so much work that needs to be done if we wish to heal as a city, as a state, and as a nation. The Maryland Commission on Civil Rights remains a committed partner with our neighborhoods, our police, and our sister agencies in government to promote equity, inclusion, and opportunity for all. Only together can we break down the systemic and deep-rooted barriers that have kept us apart and prevented us from collectively being the best we can be.”

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