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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The City of California, Missouri, has accepted the resignation of the Chief of Police Daniel Hurt. Chief Hurt's resignation stated in part: *"Thank you for the opportunity to work for the City of California, Missouri which I love and live in. I will miss protecting my friends, family, and citizens here in my hometown. I feel at this time I can no longer provide this protection to our city and perform the duties of the Chief of Police due to staffing shortage."*

Chief Hurt expressed his appreciation for the extensive training provided to him, stating: *"I feel blessed to have received the training, leadership skills, and being sent to Command College to strengthen myself within my career. These are opportunities that I may not have received without the California Police Department."*

We wish Mr. Hurt the best in his future endeavors.

This resignation follows recruitment and retention issues which have faced the City's Police Department, and many other Departments in our State and Nation.

To address the immediate need for safety and police presence, the remaining City Officers will be working with the Moniteau County Sheriff's Department to ensure coverage of the community while the Department rebuilds.

For the long term, the City is working to rebuild the Department from the ground up. Strenuous efforts will be made to recruit candidates of character and skill, with a commitment to the community.

The Mayor and Board of Alderman want to assure the community that safety of the citizens and those traveling through the community is the City's priority. The Mayor and elected officials will be meeting with the Sheriff, working with the County law enforcement, to ensure coverage.