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Center for Policing Equity Releases Statement on the Shooting of Two Police Officers from the St. Louis County Police Department

LOS ANGELES, CA -- Today, Center for Policing Equity President and Co-founder Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff released the following statement about the shooting of two St. Louis County Police officers in the line of duty last night:

"The attempted murder of two Ferguson police officers last night harms the ability of the Ferguson community to heal and remain safe. In fact, acts like this, the one in New York, and others that happen nationwide, only make it harder for communities and police to protect the peace.

"Research demonstrates that denying the humanity of any segment of the population begets more violence. And when the people and the police are divided, law enforcement moves from public safety to occupation -- something neither the police nor the public want.

"This morning, our thoughts and prayers are with the two officers and their families. Our most fervent hope is that this near tragedy will remind us all of the foundational tenet of policing in a democratic society: the public are the police and the police are the public."

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