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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

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The university is aware of the actions of the Elizabeth City Police Department and the District Attorney's office, taken yesterday, Oct. 6. The university continues to mourn and is saddened by this news. We continue to encourage everyone to pray, especially for the families involved.

This continues to be an on-going investigation, and Mid-Atlantic continues to cooperate fully with the Elizabeth City Police Department. Because this is an on-going criminal investigation, we are unable to comment about the details of the incident. Please contact the Elizabeth City Police Department for details.

We continue to have a coordinated effort to serve the needs of students, faculty, and staff. Counselors and local ministers have maintained a constant presence on campus, and we are deeply appreciative of their service to our campus.

We remain overwhelmed by the expressions of love and concern that continue to pour onto campus. The prayers, letters, calls, and gestures of friendship have been of great comfort.

Requests for information should be directed to the Office of the President.

We invite everyone to a memorial service tonight, Oct. 7, at 7:30 in the Blanton Center, 718 N. Poindexter St., on the university campus. The service is for the community, churches, Mid-Atlantic students, and the entire Mid-Atlantic family. It is a call to prayer for the families most deeply affected by the tragedy of Oct. 3, for the Mid-Atlantic family, and for peace rather than violence.

Friday classes at the university have been canceled.

We anticipate issuing another press release tomorrow.