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Press Release

Judge Cited with Three Vehicle Code Violations

York, PA – The York County District Attorney's Office conducted a review of the incident involving the Honorable Matthew D. Menges on January 21, 2020, at the intersection of Philadelphia Street and Duke Street in the City of York. Specifically, we analyzed Judge Menges' driving conduct and the nature of any potential harm to York City Police Officer Alexander Nova while directing traffic due to a medical emergency involving a minor child on Philadelphia Street. Evidence reviewed included statements and body camera footage from the York City Police Department. Such a review by the DA's Office when an incident involves potential harm law enforcement, fire fighters, fire police, or other emergency responders in the course of their duties is not unique to this case.

This office concluded that, based upon all evidence, Judge Menges did not willfully or wantonly disregard the safety of Officer Nova or recklessly engage in driving conduct that may have placed Officer Nova in danger of death or serious bodily

injury. We believe, however, that the evidence does support the filing of the following Vehicle Code violations: (1) Obedience to authorized persons directing traffic, 75 Pa.C.S. § 3102(1); (2) Duty of driver in emergency response areas, 75 Pa.C.S. § 3327 (a)(2); and (3) Careless Driving, 75 Pa.C.S. § 3714(a). Accordingly, those citations were filed by the DA's Office against Judge Menges on February 6, 2020.

Criminal charges, and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.