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**Statement from Public Safety Director Judge Jimmie Edwards**

Four St. Louis police officers have been suspended without pay from the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department effective immediately, Public Safety Director Judge Jimmie Edwards announced Thursday.

Thursday afternoon, the four officers were indicted in U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri on charges including suspicion of lying to the FBI and the use of excessive force related to the assault of an undercover St. Louis police officer during a 2017 protest following the Jason Stockley court ruling.

The officers are:

- Dustin Boone
- Bailey Colletta
- Randy Hayes
- Christopher Myers

“The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is filled with dedicated and professional public servants who do exceptional work, and I am proud of them,” Edwards said.

“In a few instances, some officers have fallen short of the professionalism required to work in our Police Department,” Edwards continued. “I take accountability and transparency very seriously. When a public safety employee acts outside the scope of their authority, it is imperative that they be held accountable to the fullest extent under the law.”

“I believe officers Boone, Coletta, Hayes, and Myers are outliers and that the charges levied against them are isolated and not indicative of our Police Department,” Edwards said.

The investigation that led to charges against these officers was conducted by the FBI at the request of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department.

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