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Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein statement as Ohio Supreme Court issues opinion on how police crime victims should be treated under Marsy's Law

COLUMBUS, OH— Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein released a statement as the Ohio Supreme Court today ruled that the identities of police officers who are victims of crimes committed against them while in the line of duty should be shielded from public records. In its decision, the Supreme Court offered its interpretation of Marsy's Law, saying that as written, Ohio's victim privacy laws do not carve out any exceptions for law enforcement officials operating in their official capacity.

City Attorney Zach Klein's statement:

“I respect and appreciate the media and the public's desire to receive important records and information, especially when it involves officers and use of force. Our goal all along has been to follow the law as written by the Ohio legislature, and today's ruling by the Ohio Supreme Court affirms that interpretation of Marsy's Law. If the Ohio legislature chooses to amend or clarify these important public record provisions in the future, we will of course follow those laws at that time.”

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