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City of Hailey Statement re: Bowe Bergdahl Desertion Charges

(Hailey, Idaho) –

Today, the United States has announced that it is pursuing desertion and other charges against Bowe Bergdahl. As indicated in our Press Release of June 2, 2014, following Bergdahl's release from captivity, the City understood that the United States would likely pursue an investigation of alleged charges against Bowe Bergdahl. Pursuant to that investigation, the United States is now pursuing those charges. These charges will either be proven true, or Mr. Bergdahl will successfully defend against the charges. Either way, the City takes no position on this matter.

On June 2, 2014, the City of Hailey announced that it was pleased with the release of Bowe Bergdahl from captivity.

At the same time, the City also stated as follows:

“The City of Hailey has received many phone calls and e-mails on the extreme polar sides of Bowe Bergdahl's release. There are those who have negative opinions about the release of Bowe Bergdahl and the City of Hailey's planned celebration of the return of this young man to his hometown. Some of these negative e-mails do raise some very important points. If objective facts and a careful investigation reveal that Bowe Bergdahl should face consequences in a United States Courtroom, then the United States should do what it believes is necessary. On the other hand, if the same investigation shows that there is no evidence to support any action, then the process has worked, and people should take comfort that due process has been served.” June 2, 2014 Press Release

For the sake of the best interest of the nation, the City firmly believes that the United States Military has rules that it must enforce. Those serving in the military are expected to follow these rules. As with any alleged violations of law, the Military has a duty to investigate these matters. The City trusts that our Military Courts will deal fairly with the situation.

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