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## **Statement by CHP Commissioner Warren Stanley on the death of Officer Kirk Griess**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – On August 10, 2018, California Highway Patrol Officer Kirk Griess was conducting a traffic stop on Interstate 80 in Fairfield, when he was struck by an errant motorist. Officer Griess, 46, was a 19-year veteran of the CHP and spent his entire career serving communities throughout the Bay Area. He is survived by his wife, Keri; adult daughters, Kadi and Kaci; and son, Kole, 14.

Commissioner Stanley released the following statement regarding the death of Officer Griess:

“It is an unbelievably sad day for the family of Officer Kirk Griess, the California Highway Patrol, and the State of California. Officer Griess was a valued member of the CHP family and a dedicated officer and public servant, who gave his life serving the people of California. The loss of an officer protecting our community is truly devastating.

“We ask for the public’s continued prayers, support, and trust as we go through this incredibly difficult time.

“We will be forever grateful for the support of the public, the first responders, and the Good Samaritans who rendered assistance to our officer at the scene. We would also like to thank the medical personnel at NorthBay Medical Center following today’s tragic event.”

In the CHP’s 89-year history, 229 heroes have lost their lives while courageously serving the people of California.

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