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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Mayor Eugene W. Grant Statement on Today's Guilty Verdict in Slaying of Seat Pleasant Resident and State Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Wesley Brown**

**Seat Pleasant, MD** – Today a guilty verdict was rendered in the June 2010 slaying of an off duty Maryland State Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Wesley Brown, who was 24 years old. A jury convicted the killer, Cyril Cornelius Williams who could be facing a life sentence in prison after being found guilty of first degree murder in shooting an off-duty State Trooper who also was a resident of the City of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence.

“Justice has been served today, and my heart goes out to the family of Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brown, who was off duty and attempted to escort Mr. Williams out of an Applebee's in Forestville, MD for acting disorderly and unruly in a public restaurant. It is a tragedy to our community that such a good man lost his life because of this individuals irresponsible and irreversible actions,” stated Mayor Eugene W. Grant who went on to say, “State Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Wesley Brown was a pillar in his community, and a beacon of light to the youth organization he headed up for young men, and those young men lost a mentor and beacon in this tragedy. Police officers put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities' residents, and we lost a truly great individual in State Trooper 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brown. As a Mayor who has a police department under my purview, we simply cannot and will not tolerate crimes against our police officers.”

Soon after becoming a State Trooper, Wesley Brown founded an organization called **Young Men Enlightening Younger Men** in 2007, where he mentored hundreds of young men in need of a role model in their lives, that role model is now gone and it truly is a travesty.

The convicted murderer, Cyril Cornelius Williams, will face sentencing on May 10, 2012 in Prince George's Counties Circuit Court.

Eugene W. Grant is currently serving his 8th year as mayor of Seat Pleasant: A City of Excellence. During his 8 years as mayor, he has successfully tripled the size of the Police Department, reduced crime by 33%, improved the infrastructure of the city, ended each year with a surplus and raised thousands of dollars for the local elementary school. Mayor Grant serves as the Chairman of the Board for Health Empowerment Network of Maryland, Inc., President of the Maryland Black Mayor's Community Development Corporation, Inc., Chief Executive Officer for Global Developmental Services for Youth, Inc. and a member of numerous other organizations both domestically and internationally. You can follow Mayor Grant on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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