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## INVESTIGATION DISCOVERY GREENLIGHTS INVESTIGATIVE DOCUMENTARY FEATURING EMMY AWARD-WINNING JOURNALIST TONY HARRIS TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE BLACK AND BLUE

(Beverly Hills, Calif.) – Investigation Discovery (ID) announced today it has greenlit a new one hour special, **BLACK AND BLUE**, an urgent and timely exploration of the current state of police affairs and race relations. As the tragic shootings by and against police continue to drive headlines, Harris will travel the country to reveal how these shootings impact African American families in their homes and communities across the U.S., while also giving viewers a first-hand look into what it's like to be a law enforcement officer working to protect our not-so-united municipalities in these troubling times. Produced exclusively for ID by NBC News' Peacock Productions, and featuring investigative reporting from Emmy Award-winning journalist Tony Harris, **BLACK AND BLUE** will premiere this fall.

"In the aftermath of the tragic deaths of numerous police officers and the egregious shooting deaths of multiple black men this summer, there is no doubt this nation is in crisis," said Henry Schleiff, Group President, Investigation Discovery, American Heroes Channel and Destination America. "These may be among the most turbulent times in our country since the civil rights movement in the 50s & 60s, and, accordingly, we believe that Tony Harris who has been reporting on race relations for more than three decades is well positioned to examine this issue and provide context – historical and personal – to this multi-faceted debate.

On the heels of his reporting in the ID series HATE IN AMERICA, Harris is on a quest for candid conversations with law enforcement and community leaders across the country, to get real answers about what needs to be done to quell the accelerating tensions, fears and bloodshed. Exploring both the seeds of escalation in specific cities as well as innovative new community-based policing in other municipalities, **BLACK AND BLUE** takes a hard look at the current challenges of keeping the peace in America and the unique challenges of African American officers torn between community and the badge.

**BLACK AND BLUE** is produced for Investigation Discovery by NBC News' Peacock Productions Elizabeth Fischer and Knute Walker as Executive Producers and Sharon Scott as President and General Manager. For Investigation Discovery, Lorna Thomas is executive producer, Sara Kozak is senior vice president of production, Kevin Bennett is general manager, and Henry Schleiff is Group President of Investigation Discovery, American Heroes Channel & Destination America.

## **About NBC News' Peacock Productions**

Peacock Productions, a division of NBC News, is a nonfiction production company that combines the editorial expertise, technical resources, and seasoned talent of NBCUniversal to create series, events, and live specials for global audiences. Peacock Productions reaches more than 300 million people worldwide every year across broadcast, cable, syndication, and emerging platforms with its award-winning specials and series. Sharon Scott is the President and General Manager. For more information, visit: <a href="http://www.peacockproductions.tv/">http://www.peacockproductions.tv/</a>

## **About Investigation Discovery**

Investigation Discovery (ID) is the leading mystery-and-suspense network on television. From harrowing crimes and salacious scandals to the in-depth investigations and heart-breaking mysteries behind these "real people, real stories", the "always revealing" network challenges our everyday understanding of culture, society and the human condition. One of our nation's fastest growing cable networks, ID delivers the highest-quality programming to more than 85 million U.S. households and is available in both high definition (HD) and standard definition (SD). For more information, please visit <a href="InvestigationDiscovery.com">InvestigationDiscovery.com</a>, facebook.com/InvestigationDiscovery, or <a href="twitter.com/DiscoveryID">twitter.com/DiscoveryID</a>. Investigation Discovery is part of Discovery Communications (Nasdaq: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), the world's #1 pay-TV programmer reaching nearly 3 billion cumulative subscribers in 220 countries and territories.

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