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## CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE UNION

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### *PRESS RELEASE*

### **Professor Arrested for Making a False Complaint of Racial Discrimination against a State Trooper**

Andrew N. Matthews, President of Connecticut State Police Union, released the following statement in response to this week's arrest of Capital Community College Associate Professor, Minati Roychoudhuri, after it was determined she made a false complaint against a Connecticut State Trooper for being "racially profiled" during a motor vehicle stop.

Matthews said, "As Connecticut State Troopers, we take great pride in our duties and are willing to sacrifice our lives to protect the rights and lives of others. We understand we are vulnerable to physical and verbal attacks from the criminal element and others in our society whose sole purpose is to disrupt law enforcement. However, we do not tolerate actions of a professor, from a well-respected college, whose motivation is to tarnish the reputation and career of a State Trooper by making false accusations of racial discrimination."

Matthews said that on May 26, 2015, Associate Professor Roychoudhuri submitted a letter to Commissioner Dora Schriro, Senator Mae Flexer and Representative Gregg Haddad, alleging a Trooper had illegally "racially profiled" her during a motor vehicle stop. She also identified herself as a Professor at Capital Community College and stated, "I teach about diversity and the negative impact of racial profiling; I have now become a target of the same insidious behavior." Subsequently, Associate Professor Roychoudhuri provided a sworn written statement alleging the same illegal conduct by our Trooper.

Matthews said, following a thorough investigation by the Office of Professional Standards, the State's Attorney's office reviewed the matter and agreed to prosecute, Associate Professor Roychoudhuri. Consequently, she was arrested and charged with violation of CGS: 53a-157(b), False Statement in the Second Degree. In support of her arrest, the video recording of the motor vehicle stop proved she knowingly and deliberately made a false complaint of racial discrimination.

Matthews said the State Police Union leadership believes the character and integrity of any professor should be of the highest standard and as a result, a letter was sent to the President of Capital Community College, Dr. Wilfredo Nieves, which requests a public apology from the Capital Community College on behalf of Associate Professor Roychoudhuri. It also insists that Associate Professor Roychoudhuri be held accountable for her illegal and malicious actions.

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