

STATEMENT BY IVAN ALLEN, JR.

THE DISORDERS IN THE SUMMERHILL-MECHANICSVILLE
AREA LAST EVENING WERE SERIOUS AND REGRETTABLE.

WE CAN BE THANKFUL THERE WERE NO SERIOUS
INJURIES. SOME 10 POLICE OFFICERS RECEIVED MINOR
INJURIES, MOSTLY AS A RESULT OF TEAR GAS.

ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY DAMAGE HAS NOT BEEN
COMPLETED, BUT IT DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE TOO SEVERE.

FIVE CITY POLICE CARS WERE DAMAGED AS A
RESULT OF BRICKS OR BOTTLES THROWN THROUGH WINDOWS.

SEVENTY-TWO ARRESTS WERE MADE BY THE POLICE
DEPARTMENT.

CONDITIONS AT THIS TIME INDICATE THAT THE VIOLENCE
HAS ENDED AND CALM EXISTS THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS NOW WORKING
TWO TWELVE HOUR SHIFTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTIFICATION
BY CHIEF JENKINS.

ALL OFF-DUTY FIREMEN HAVE BEEN PLACED ON ALERT.

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THE FIREMEN ON DUTY DURING THE NIGHT RESPONDED
PROMPTLY AND EFFICIENTLY TO SEVERAL CALLS IN THE AREA.

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I MUST AGAIN COMMEND THE MEMBERS OF THE ATLANTA
POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THEIR PROMPT RESPONSE AND
HANDLING OF THIS SITUATION. THE CITIZENS OF ATLANTA,
AND ESPECIALLY THE GOOD CITIZENS OF SUMMERHILL-
MECHANICSVILLE, CAN BE JUSTLY PROUD OF THEIR POLICE
OFFICERS THIS MORNING.

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WE SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE ACTION OF
GOV. CARL SANDERS AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE BACKUP MEN AND EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED TO US.