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■ “Terrific Two” Vigilantes Released – Outrage Follows

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City District Attorney Earle Robbins has ordered the immediate release of the self-styled “superhero” vigilantes the “Terrific Two”.

Mr. Robbins ignored calls for his resignation from a wide array of city and police officials following his decision, announced late last night.

He blamed “excessive police violence” at the scene of last Thursday’s Park View Dollar Store Robbery, carried out by the notorious gang of serial robbers who struck again yesterday (*see story below*).

The decision seems certain to prompt a full-scale investigation into the actions of senior City Criminal Investigation Division officer Captain Craig Curtis, who shot and wounded one of the masked vigilantes at the scene of the crime.

Captain Curtis told reporters last night at Police Headquarters that he expects to be suspended, pending the results of the investigation. Senior police officials have declined to comment.

In a statement released by the District Attorney’s office, Mr. Robbins said: “It would be impossible for this office to proceed with a prosecution against these two individuals in view of the unnecessary

actions taken by Captain Curtis.

“Regardless of the fact that these two vigilantes interfered in a major police operation, many conventions protecting the rights of these individuals were violated by Captain Curtis and his colleagues.

“This city is lucky to have escaped a high-dollar law suit. Negotiations with the two vigilantes concerned resulted in us agreeing to drop obstruction of justice charges against them in exchange for an agreement in which they declined to launch an action against the city.”

Police are still refusing to release the names of the vigilantes.

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■ Senator Buster White announces Mayoral Campaign

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In a shock announcement, Influential Senator Buster White has announced his intention to leave Washington to campaign for mayor of New City.

Senator White, who holds prestigious oversight committee positions in Washington, said the collapse of law and order in New City required a fresh approach from someone with his skills in government. He indicated that he would focus primarily on formulating policies that would better assist police and law enforcement officers in New City. Senator White was particularly critical of

District Attorney Robbins’ decision to drop charges against vigilantes the “Terrific Two”.

“We have had millions of dollars spent on man-hours and intelligence work to catch these serial bank robbers,” he said. “And what happens? Two idiots who clearly belong in a mental asylum not only destroy all that, but are released with not even a smack on the wrist. Instead, we say we are sorry for some insane reason in which we fear legal repercussions for doing our jobs. I’m appalled.”

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■ “I saw them shoot the bank teller in cold blood” – *Robbery Witness*

Robbers strike at City Bank