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**STATEMENT OF U.S. ATTORNEY JOHNNY SUTTON FOLLOWING TODAY'S ORAL  
ARGUMENT BEFORE THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT IN RE:  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA V. IGNACIO RAMOS AND JOSE ALONSO COMPEAN**

“This case has always been about the rule of law. Some in the media and on the Internet have tried to portray Agents Compean and Ramos as heroes but that narrative is false. The actions of Compean and Ramos in shooting an unarmed, fleeing suspect, destroying evidence, and engaging in a cover-up, are serious crimes.

They were prosecuted to uphold the rule of law. A jury rejected their factual claims of innocence after a two week trial. The case is now before the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, which will resolve the disputed legal issues in accordance with the rule of law. I look forward to the decision of the Court of Appeals.”

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