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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### Statement from Ryan Kennedy Regarding False Allegations Following Ford Field Incident

Detroit, Michigan – December 22, 2025

Ryan Kennedy categorically denies using the “N-word,” the “C-word,” or **any racial, misogynistic, or hate-based slur** during the incident that occurred on **December 21, 2025** at Ford Field during the Pittsburgh Steelers–Detroit Lions game.

These allegations are **completely false**.

At no point before, during, or after the incident did Mr. Kennedy use racial slurs or hate speech of any kind. The claims suggesting otherwise are untrue and are not supported by video evidence, eyewitness accounts, or any contemporaneous reporting. Despite reports in the media last night and today, Mr. Kennedy has not used such language during any interaction with Mr. Metcalf or any other players in the past.

Since these false statements began circulating publicly, Mr. Kennedy has been subjected to **harassment, threats, and messages advocating violence**, creating serious concern for his and his family’s personal safety and well-being. No private individual should be falsely branded with such accusations or exposed to threats based on misinformation.

Mr. Kennedy is a lifelong Detroit Lions football fan who attended the game lawfully and never anticipated becoming the subject of national attention, much less false accusations of racism. He respects the game, the players, and fellow fans—and he rejects hate and discrimination in all forms.

Because this matter will now likely be the subject of formal legal proceedings, Mr. Kennedy will not comment further at this time. He asks that the public refrain from spreading unverified claims and respect the process as the truth is addressed through appropriate legal channels.

**Media inquiries may be directed to counsel:**

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