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Raleigh - - The North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police applauds the findings of the N.C. Court of Appeals in upholding a 2016 jury's decision to award a NC State Bureau of Investigation agent \$6 million for libel against a Raleigh based newspaper, The News and Observer. The three-judge panel ruled unanimously in favor of the agent saying that the evidence from trial "tended to show the primary objective of the defendants (The N&O) was sensationalism rather than truth." This is an issue our law enforcement officers have been fighting for years and now the NC Court of Appeals has confirmed that belief with their findings. Randy Hagler, President of the North Carolina Fraternal Order of Police, said "the Court of Appeals has a sent a strong message to journalists across the state that hopefully will keep them to the truth and prevent them from sensationalizing published articles in the future."

The Fraternal Order of Police is the largest and oldest law enforcement officer's organization in the country with over 330,000 members nationwide and 7,000 members in North Carolina.

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