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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY DISAPPOINTED IN
ACQUITTAL OF OFFICER IN FATAL ST. LOUIS,
MISSOURI POLICE SHOOTING**



Chicago, IL – September 18, 2017 – Over the last three years, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® has continually expressed dismay over many police-involved shootings of African-American men and women. The organization has called for transparency in investigations surrounding the circumstances leading to fatal shootings that have left many across the nation bewildered and discouraged as to the state of police and community relations.

Speaking on behalf of the Sorority’s 290,000 members worldwide, International President Dorothy Buchanan Wilson stated, “We are disappointed in the judge’s recent verdict to acquit Officer Jason Stockley in the fatal shooting of Anthony Lamar Smith in 2011.”

Buchanan Wilson goes on to say, “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will continue to encourage all communities across the country to contact their legislatures demanding they enact changes in the judicial process including the appointment of special prosecutors during police-involved shooting investigations, sanctioning incident de-escalation tactics, and providing mental illness and cultural competency training for all police officers.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority extends condolences and prayers to the Smith family.

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