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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA EXPRESSES SHOCK AND SADNESS OVER THE DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL DUBOSE



Chicago, Illinois – July 30, 2015 -- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, expresses deep shock and sadness over the death of Samuel Dubose. On July 19, 2015, 43-year-old Samuel Dubose was shot and killed by a University of Cincinnati police officer after being stopped for a minor traffic violation. International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, speaking on behalf of the sorority's 283,000 members worldwide, called this horrific act brazen and senseless. She said, “We do, however, feel encouraged that swift action was taken by local prosecutors to send this matter to the grand jury and those jurors returned an indictment on murder charges resulting in this officer’s incarceration and termination from the University of Cincinnati.”

Buckhanan Wilson encouraged residents in Cincinnati and nationwide to call, write, or email Hamilton County elected officials urging a full and complete investigation of the other officers that have yet to be charged in the July 19 shooting and subsequent attempted cover-up.

Alpha Kappa Alpha members around the country have met with elected officials to speak to and urge action on issues of police brutality and misconduct as well as other injustices that disproportionately impact African Americans, women, and minorities. The sorority, through its massive international network, will continue its push for social justice for all, and will advocate for judicial fairness for black men and others who are victimized by the system. In addition to ensuring that public voices are heard and equality prevails, the sorority will continue to facilitate opportunities for African American communities and law enforcement agencies to learn and work with one another in a more meaningful and trusting manner.

“Further, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will continue to work with state and local legislatures as we call for changes in the judicial process including legislation requiring the use of body cameras by all officers, appointment of special prosecutors to oversee police involved shooting investigations, and additional cultural, mental illness, and incident de-escalation training for all officers,” said Buckhanan Wilson. “Additionally, cases like this illustrate that when body cams are properly used, the truth becomes clear and all parties involved are properly depicted.”

The sorority extends its sympathy and prayers to the family of Samuel Dubose.

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