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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY EXPRESSES
DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF INDICTMENT
IN MICHAEL BROWN CASE**



Chicago, Illinois – November 24, 2014 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® expressed disappointment Monday over the grand jury decision in the shooting death of Michael Brown, a black teenager shot to death by a white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri.

International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, speaking on behalf of the sorority's 265,000 members worldwide, called the decision by the grand jury "a miscarriage of justice" that sends the wrong message to the black community and continues to underwrite the deep and long held disconnect between the African American community and law enforcement.

“The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority are deeply disappointed that Officer Darren Wilson will not be held responsible for Brown’s death last summer.” Buckhanan Wilson said. “It is a grave injustice to Americans who believe in the country’s fundamental principles of justice and fairness. In the wake of this decision, we are calling on the Ferguson community to remain calm and non-violent while organizing peaceful protests that express their disappointment and outrage.”

After meeting for seventy hours and seeing sixty witnesses, the grand jury returned a “no bill”, declining to indict Officer Wilson in the death of Brown, 18, who was unarmed when he was shot on August 9, 2014.

Buckhanan Wilson urged the Ferguson community and citizens around the country to use this occasion to seek out opportunities that allow open, constructive, and respectful discourse that make a broader impact on racial inequality, law enforcement relations, and judicial reform so that this young man’s life will not be lost in vain. She remains optimistic that investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice and other federal government agencies will yield a different outcome. Buckhanan Wilson goes on to say that no matter the outcome of these ongoing investigations, community members have the power to make positive and proactive change in their community in the aftermath of the grand jury decision.

The organization continues to keep the Brown family in our thoughts and prayers as they continue to mourn the loss of their son. The sorority, using every resource at its disposal, will continue to fight for justice and equality for Michael Brown and other young black men across the country victimized by a criminal justice system that places little value in their lives, Buckhanan Wilson said.

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