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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY URGES SWIFT JUSTICE
IN LOUISIANA & MINNESOTA POLICE-INVOLVED
SHOOTINGS**



Chicago--July 7, 2016--Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®, urges swift action by law enforcement agencies to bring justice in two police-related shootings in Louisiana and Minnesota.

Alton Sterling was fatally shot July 5 by police outside a Baton Rouge convenience store. A day later, Philando Castile was killed during a traffic stop near Minneapolis.

International President Dr. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, speaking on behalf of the sorority's 283,000 members, expressed dismay over continuing incidents of excessive force and police brutality that disproportionately affect African Americans.

“The names change, but the circumstances are tragically similar,” said Dr. Buckhanan Wilson, recalling the police shooting deaths of Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Samuel Debose and others. “We join the call for a transparent and comprehensive investigation that delivers justice to the victims’ loved ones and the community at large. I am pleased that the U.S. Justice Department is leading the investigation into the circumstances surrounding Mr. Sterling’s death and that state and local agencies have pledged to cooperate. We urge authorities to provide a complete accounting to Mr. Castile’s family as well.”

The Sorority, through its international network, will continue pushing for social justice and judicial fairness in the criminal justice system. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority’s 22,500 members that are convening in Atlanta, Georgia this coming week will discuss and strategize action to address these disturbing cases.

The sorority extends sympathy and prayers to families of both men.

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