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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY  
INCORPORATED REQUESTS CALM AND  
PRAYERS IN CHARLOTTE FOLLOWING  
OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING IN  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA**



Chicago, Illinois—September 21, 2016—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® (AKA) is monitoring the unrest and violence in Charlotte, North Carolina, that began following the killing of Keith Lamont Scott, an African-American man, by a police officer in the northeast section of the city on Tuesday afternoon.

Scott, a 43-year-old husband, and father of seven was shot Tuesday by a Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officer outside an apartment complex. There are conflicting accounts of the circumstances that surround the shooting that demand a thorough investigation. Video from body and dashboard cameras from the deadly confrontation should be publicly released immediately.

As details and facts related to the unfortunate and tragic death of Scott continue to emerge, AKA International President, Dr. Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, along with the 283,000 Alpha Kappa Alpha members worldwide, extend condolences and send prayers to the family of Mr. Scott and the residents of Charlotte.

The latest fatal shooting of a black man has sparked rioting and looting in Charlotte. One person has been critically injured and several police officers injured. Residents are understandably disturbed by the shooting, but this behavior is not the way to express their outrage.

During a time when anger and emotions are extremely high in Charlotte and other communities around the country, the sorority calls for peaceful gatherings. Prayer services are planned, and further protests are being organized for the coming days and will be being monitored.

“The Sorority will remain vigilant to ensure that justice is served following the death of Scott, and other African-American men and women who have died following interactions and encounters with police,” said Buckhanan Wilson. “Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority supports the rights of all people to protest, however, we do not condone the violence that brings harm to community members or police officers, and brings physical destruction to the communities that so many of us call home.”

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority members are encouraged to lend their voices and support efforts that bring a peaceful resolution to this and other civic and social justice issues.

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