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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA EXPRESSES CONCERN ABOUT THE FATAL SHOOTING OF CHRISTIAN TAYLOR



CHICAGO — August 15, 2015 — Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. (AKA) is deeply concerned by the fatal shooting of 19-year-old Christian Taylor by former police officer, Brad Miller, in Arlington, Texas. The shooting occurred shortly after 1 a.m. on Friday, August 7, after Miller responded to a 911 call reporting a man damaging a car in a dealership parking lot.

Taylor was set to begin his sophomore year at Angelo State University, where he played football. He is being remembered as a caring, happy young man who wanted to stop police brutality. The circumstances surrounding why Taylor was at the car dealership are unknown.

The Arlington Police Department has fired Brad Miller, citing poor judgement. However, no criminal charges have been filed. Criminal investigators must complete reports regarding the shooting and submit them to the Tarrant County District Attorney's office. A grand jury will then decide whether there should be any criminal charges.

International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson said she and more than 280,000 sorority members worldwide will continue to closely monitor the case and urge the Tarrant County District Attorney to seek criminal charges for Brad Miller. "Our sorority will maintain persistence in ensuring that justice is served and violations such as these do not continue when young African-Americans encounter police officers," said Buckhanan Wilson.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. continues to offer prayers to the family of Christian Taylor. Community members are encouraged to speak up and support efforts that help lead to swift justice in this case as well as legislation requiring incident de-escalation, mental illness and cultural training for all police officers.

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