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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATED CALLS FOR FAIR AND COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION IN FATAL SACRAMENTO SHOOTING



Chicago, Illinois – March 23, 2018 – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated expresses outrage in yet another senseless shooting of an unarmed black man by police officers.

Stephon Clark, a 22-year-old father of two, was shot last Sunday in his grandparents' backyard by police in Sacramento, CA after police responded to reports of a man in the area wearing a hoodie breaking car windows. A disturbing body camera video shows police officers firing 20 shots at Clark fatally wounding him after one of the officers yelled that Clark was holding a firearm. It was then determined that Clark was holding a cell phone. The officers have since been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation.

Speaking on behalf of the Sorority's 300,000 members worldwide, International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson shared her deepest sympathies to Clark's family and friends and the entire Sacramento community. She also called for a swift and unbiased investigation as the nation seeks answers to an all too familiar narrative in black communities across the country.

"Along with Mr. Clark's friends and family, we as an organization publicly call for action that will lead to change in the way our communities are policed," Buckhanan Wilson said. "We demand justice and corrective action that will lead to improved police training preventing such violence at the hands of those sworn to protect and serve."

Buckhanan Wilson urged the Sacramento community and supporters to continue to demand a fair investigation, but to remain strategic and peaceful in their protests. Buckhanan Wilson said Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, will continue to monitor this situation and will offer support in ensuring a fair outcome.

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