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ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SUPPORTS CALL FOR INDEPENDENT PROSECUTOR TO INVESTIGATE CHICAGO POLICE SHOOTING



Chicago, Illinois – November 30, 2015 – Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® joined other organizations and community leaders in calling for an independent prosecutor to investigate the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald by Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke.

"There is no place for such a horrific act in a society where police officers are sworn to serve and protect," said International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson, speaking on behalf of the sorority's 283,000 members worldwide. "Alpha Kappa Alpha supports peaceful protests and other non-violent measures to raise awareness of police brutality and excessive force. In addition, we join those who have called for an independent prosecutor to investigate Mr. McDonald's death."

Alpha Kappa Alpha members in Chicago joined recent protests. Buckhanan Wilson has encouraged communities nationwide to urge elected officials to support the use of body cameras, appoint special prosecutors in police-related shooting investigations, and mandate incident de-escalation, mental illness and cultural training for all police officers.

The sorority, through its network of 987 chapters worldwide, will continue its push for social justice, Buckhanan Wilson said.

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