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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY EXPRESSES
CONCERN ABOUT POOL PARTY INCIDENT IN
MCKINNEY, TEXAS**



Chicago, Illinois – June 9, 2015 - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., (AKA) expressed concern over the disturbing incident this past weekend in McKinney, Texas at a local community pool. On Friday, June 5, 2015, a video surfaced of patrol supervisor Corporal Eric Casebolt subduing a 15-year-old girl to the ground by her head and then drawing his weapon when several teens ran to the girl's aid.

"The members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. are very concerned about the apparent conduct of the officer pulling a weapon on seemingly unarmed people," stated International President, Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson. "However, a full investigation seems to be underway so all of the facts in this case have yet to be determined. We call on the authorities to quickly and thoroughly investigate and to take appropriate action upon completion of the investigation. The resignation of Cpl. Eric Casebolt is a crucial first step."

On behalf of the organization, we have sent a letter to McKinney Police Department's chief of police, Greg Conley and the mayor of the City of McKinney, Brian Loughmiller expressing our concern. Further, the sorority urges residents to continue to peacefully let their voices be heard until a full investigation is complete. Alpha Kappa Alpha members, including South Central Regional Director, Chelle Luper Wilson participated in a community meeting with local officials held on June 8, as well as a prayer vigil to urge peace, equality and justice for the teens in McKinney, Texas.

"In addition to ensuring that our voices are heard and equality prevails, we will continue to facilitate opportunities for African American communities, especially our youth, and law enforcement agencies to learn and work with one another in a more meaningful and trusting manner," Buckhanan Wilson said. "Further, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will continue to work with state and local legislatures as we call for changes in the judicial process including legislation requiring the use of body cameras by all officers and the appointment of special prosecutors to oversee police involved investigations."

Buckhanan Wilson said Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, with a massive network of members in 988 local chapters worldwide, plans to monitor the investigation and will remain vigilant to ensure that justice is served.

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