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**ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY DISAPPOINTED IN
ACQUITTAL OF OFFICER IN FATAL TULSA OKLAHOMA
POLICE SHOOTING**



Chicago, Illinois – May 25, 2017 -- In September 2016, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® expressed dismay of another officer involved shooting, where 40-year-old African American male, Terence Crutcher, was fatally shot on the night of September 16, after police responded to a 911 call about Mr. Crutcher's stopped SUV in the middle of a road in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Instead of receiving assistance, Mr. Crutcher found himself raising his hands high above his head. A video dash cam showed nationally, showed him to be unarmed, and subsequent investigation by authorities found no weapons in the vehicle.

We called for transparency in the investigation surrounding the circumstances leading to the fatal shooting of Mr. Crutcher by white female Tulsa police officer, Betty Shelby. After an investigation by the U.S. Department of Justice felony manslaughter charges were filed against the officer for the death of Crutcher.

Needless to say, we were disappointed in the jury's recent verdict to acquit Officer Shelby.

Speaking on behalf of the Sorority's 290,000 members worldwide, International President Dorothy Buckhanan Wilson again extends condolences and prayers to the Crutcher family, while urging the Tulsa Oklahoma community and supporters to continue to remain calm and peaceful in the aftermath of the verdict.

Buckhanan Wilson goes on to say "Although we may not agree with the juror's verdict, we must respect it. We will continue to encourage all communities across the country to contact their legislatures demanding they enact changes in the judicial process including the appointment of special prosecutors during police-involved shooting investigations, sanctioning incident de-escalation tactics, and providing mental illness and cultural competency training for all police officers."

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