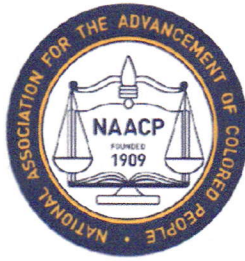


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June 4, 2019

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Dear Mr. Stein,

I received your reply letter dated, May 7, 2019. Regardless of your explanation, justification or exoneration of State Trooper Scott Collins' shooting of Mr. Brandon Webster, our community views it as an unjustified homicide. As I tried to explain to you in my earlier letter, our families have lost faith and trust in Trooper Collins' ability to perform his duty to protect the citizens of our county and their property and every day he remains in his current position, we lose faith in your ability to fairly apply justice in the State of North Carolina.

It has been our experience that relations between those charged with enforcing the law and communities of Black Americans have always been tense. The number of officer-involved shootings over the past few years coupled with the history of violence between officers and people, particularly Black Americans, have forced this issue onto the national stage. Trooper Collins' actions on that fateful night of January 1, 2019 now forces another sad statistic into the ledger column marked "SHAMEFUL" and as the NYPD said after choking Eric Garner to death "NOT A BIG DEAL".

It is common knowledge that Black American males are 21 times more likely to be shot by a law-enforcement officer than their white counterparts. The family of Mr. Brandon Webster can attest to that statistic. "only one family of the human race got off the Ark".

How did you score Mr. Webster's untimely death at the hands of Trooper Collins? Under what ledger column did you enter this unspeakable tragedy? Was it under the column marked "OOPS" or "INCIDENT OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE?" or "NOT A BIG DEAL?"

And speaking of incidents of consequence, the parents of Mr. Webster missed your call and visit to their home to offer your condolences. Maybe you are afraid of their tears staining your clothes. Maybe the arms of your heart are too short or not strong enough to hug the emotionally spent parents of Mr. Webster.

Beyond the inhumanity of the shooting itself, as the parents carried their son to the hospital, his last words to his father were, "daddy I am dying" and to his mother, "Mom, I love you!" . . . and then law enforcement officers had the unmitigated gall to arrest both parents while their son lay dying on a stretcher in the hospital.

On January 9, 2019, nine days after Trooper Collins killed Mr. Brandon Webster, there were two deaths committed in Shallotte NC, by thirty (30) year old Terrence Helms. Mr. Helms stabbed to death a husband and wife while they slept in their bed. He also injured one other (young girl).

In response, Brunswick County Sheriff Ingram deputies jumped to action which resulted in a high-speed chase up to 105 mph. Terrence Helms crash on Ocean Highway West got out of his car and tried to escape on foot from the deputies despite their repeated warnings. The deputies ran on foot and successfully apprehended Mr. Helms. The deputies then transported Mr. Helms to the hospital for medical care and then to jail. Mr. Helms lived for his trial. Additionally, Mr. Helms has multiple breaking and entering convictions and possession of a firearm by a felon. Graciously, law enforcement allowed Mr. Helms the privilege of life so that he could be charged with two counts of murder and attempted murder, as well as several other charges. That is how law enforcement should respond; that is how Trooper Collins should have responded. Trooper Collins had other options other than to kill Mr. Brandon Webster.

On January 28, 2019, just a mere 27 days after Trooper Collins shot and killed Mr. Brandon Webster, a New Jersey police officer shot and killed a driver and wounding a passenger during a wild chase that was all caught on video (the trooper body camera worked). "It is the state's position that this officer's conduct that night was criminal," acting Essex County Prosecutor Theodore Stephens said. "He showed a reckless disregard for human life by shooting into a moving vehicle, a vehicle which had heavily tinted windows. This is the first fatal police-involved shooting to result in an indictment in Essex County in recent memory." Officer Jovanny Crespo of the Newark Police Department was indicted by a grand jury on six counts related to that late January death. This police officer could spend the rest of his life behind bars for firing off numerous rounds into the car that the victim was driving.

Where is your sense of Justice Mr. Josh Stein? With her attributes of a blindfold, a balance, and a sword, Lady Justice stands as a metaphorical representation of the moral force of our judicial system. However, the equitable treatment of justice in the case of Mr. Brandon Webster was grossly avoided because of the color of his skin. Ironically, Lady Justice is depicted as a white woman. It is my fervent hope and prayer that she wasn't a racist white woman in this case.

Your response letter to me was disingenuous, absent of sincerity, and pretended that I knew less about the issue of racial discrimination than I really do.

That was compounded by your apparent brush off when you redirected me to your Attorney General Jasmine McGhee knowing full well that Attorney McGhee has absolutely no power to reverse your decision.

As you say, "Protecting the people of North Carolina is your top priority." However, maybe Mr. Brandon Webster and people like him do not appear to be real to you, "people to protect", because it was an "INCIDENT OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE" or "NOT A BIG DEAL".

As I have stated to you before, Trooper Scott Collins showed a reckless disregard for human life by shooting into a moving vehicle killing the driver and wounding the passenger. While Mr. Brandon Webster's body becomes one with God's earth, the memories of his passing will hang heavy in the hearts and minds of all who remember that tragic day. Sadly, that will be Trooper Collins' legacy and yours as well if you consider the death of Mr. Brandon Webster as just an "INCIDENT OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE" and "NOT A BIG DEAL".

On July 28, 2018 Brunswick County Sheriff John Ingram's Office was awarded National Accreditation for enforcement agencies Inc(CALEA). BCSO is one of only six sheriff office's in the State of North Carolina to receive this award. "As Attorney General protecting the people of North Carolina is your top priority", you just may need to sit before Brunswick County Sheriff Ingram and take a well need lesson.

Time is never right to do wrong, but time is always right to do what is right. You and I, all of us who value the dignity of human life, owe it to those who have passed and those who have yet to come to keep the Lord's sacredtrough full of righteousness, love, mercies, grace, and forgiveness that we all can drink from. Then we can make good people better people and we all shall live a better life together as one.

Let us; you, me and the citizens of our county, walk forward together and not one step back. How can we walk together except we agree for the best of all humanity?

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PS: Re-election is coming, the nation will have their eyes on this case and your action especially the voters in the State of North.

I am the President of Brunswick County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Where we know that God formed all of us with a Color for, we all are people of Color!

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

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