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The National Black Church Initiative Decries the Unarmed Black Akai Gurley Deadly Shooting and Calls for a Justice Department Investigation

We Want Answers and We Want Them Now

Washington, DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a coalition of 34,000 African American churches constituting 15.7 million members calls for a comprehensive and thorough investigation of the deadly shooting of Akai Gurley. This latest deadly incident underscores a crisis in community policing of African American communities. There is a mentality within the New York City police department when it comes to Black males – shoot first and ask questions later. It is hard to conceive that this shooting is accidental in nature. This is why NBCI is calling on the US Justice Department to take over the investigation of this case and to evaluate the last 100 shootings of African Americans in New York to see if there is a racial pattern of going after African Americans.

Rev. Anthony Evans, President of the National Black Church Initiative says, “There seems to be across this country a fundamental breakdown of civil society in the use of deadly force when it comes down to African American males. This society should understand one thing; that the Black church will not be passive in these killings. We call for the immediate firing of the officer involved and a complete investigation by the US Justice Department into this latest killing. Our approach will always be non-violence.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 African American and Latino churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI’s mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. The National Black Church Initiative’s methodology is utilizing faith and sound health science.

The National Black Church Initiative's purpose is to partner with major organizations and officials whose main mission is to reduce racial disparities in the variety of areas cited above. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the-box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.