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Sheriff Mike Williams
Jacksonville Sheriff's Office
501 E. Bay St.
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Dear Sheriff Mike Williams:

In the wake of the uprising and outcry for justice and reform all over this nation, it is past time for departmental change within law enforcement and the criminal justice system. This past weekend can only be a catalyst to greater atrocities if the cries of the people continue to go unheard.

It is an extreme disappointment that black communities are at the center of a problem that has existed throughout the history of this nation. It is deplorable that law enforcement feels compelled to treat people of color differently than others and demoralize human life. We all agree that the MURDER of George Floyd is just one example of deliberate police brutality that exists all over this country including right here in Jacksonville, Duval County, Florida!

Although, we do not condone the actions of agitators and looters, we do understand the anger and frustration they display with a system that does not work for them and ultimately treats them like second class citizens!

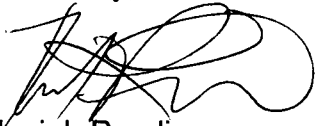
The Jacksonville Branch NAACP joins forces with its National Office Campaign and area Civil Rights organizations to move from ANGER to ACTION by demanding that the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office makes the following changes:

1. Implementation of a Citizens Review Board with subpoena power;
2. Release of body camera footage within 48 hours of a police shootings;
3. Review of the department's Use of Force Continuum;
4. Immediate firing and full prosecution of Officers in direct violation of the Color of Law;
5. Ongoing Diversity and Sensitivity training for all officers with visible certification for public view (patch or maker on uniform or patrol cars);
6. Full cooperation from the State Attorney's Office to prosecute cops who violate law;
7. Complete transparency throughout the investigative internal affairs process;

8. Elimination and ban of “no knock warrants,” “knee holds,” and “choke holds”;
9. Full funding of Community Based Policing Initiatives;
10. Support for bail reform; and
11. Immediate investigation of known corrupt officers who have a history of police brutality against citizens of color in black communities.

The time is NOW for us to restore peace and rebuild trust within our City. There is no room for RACISM and DISCRIMINATION in law enforcement. Sheriff, we are counting on YOU to do the right thing!!

Sincerely,



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cc: Mayor Lenny Curry
Jacksonville City Council
Melissa Nelson, State Attorney
Charlie Cofer, Public Defender
State Senator Audrey Gibson
Representative Tracie Davis
Representative Kimberly Daniels