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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)

Denounces the Killing of Mr. Walter Scott

[Alexandria, VA] The African American community and the nation as a whole has once again experienced the death of an African American male through a confrontation with a police officer. The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) denounces the killing of Mr. Walter Scott over a minor traffic infraction based on the information that has been made public. NOBLE acknowledges and recognizes the quick response of the North Charleston Police Department in dismissing Officer Michael Slager and his subsequent arrest. However, NOBLE posing the question of what if a video by a private citizen had not come to light? How do we collectively strengthen public trust while ensuring the safety of our law enforcement officers?

NOBLE will be paying close attention to any and all forthcoming information and offers its prayers and condolences to Mr. Scott’s family.

“It is important for me to express that we do not rush to judgment, but allow the South Carolina authorities to complete their investigation into the factors that led to the death of Mr. Scott,” stated Dr. Cedric L. Alexander, NOBLE National President.

NOBLE will continue to be diligent in monitoring the developments regarding this incident.

ABOUT NOBLE

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) serves as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 4,000 members worldwide, primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, tribal and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit www.noblenational.org.

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