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STATEMENT ADDRESSING THE DEATH OF ERIC GARNER FOLLOWING THE ENCOUNTER WITH NEW YORK CITY POLICE OFFICERS

“While we all have viewed the video involving Mr. Eric Garner’s encounter with New York City Police Department (NYPD) Police Officers on July 17, 2014, we as the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), are paying close attention to any and all forthcoming information and offer our prayers to Mr. Garner’s family, the NYPD, and EMS personnel impacted by this incident.”

It is important for me to express that we do not rush to judgment, but allow the New York City authorities to complete their investigation into the factors that led to the death of Mr. Garner. Any premature conclusions deprive Mr. Garner’s family closure and New York City public officials the opportunity to determine what transpired.

NOBLE will continue to monitor developments regarding this incident. I have been in recent communication with NYPD Commissioner William Bratton and he has ensured there will be a continued transparent and comprehensive examination of this case.

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