

# National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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## **The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Statement on the Death of Alton Sterling During an Encounter with Baton Rouge Police Officers July 6, 2016**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA.** – *The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) National President Gregory Thomas released the following statement in response to the shooting of Alton Sterling by officers from the Baton Rouge, LA Police Department:*

**“The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE)** is saddened by the news of Alton Sterling’s death as the result of an encounter with Baton Rouge police officers on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. Our deepest sympathies and prayers go out to the family of Mr. Sterling, as they mourn the loss of a loved one.

“As NOBLE’s 40-year mission has been to ensure the equitable administration of justice in all communities throughout the U.S., police-citizen encounters of this nature continue to remind us of our purpose. NOBLE National President Gregory A. Thomas has communicated with NOBLE Region Five Vice President, Frederick Thomas, (no relation) Captain, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff’s Office and NOBLE member, East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Sid Gautreaux, who also serves as the president of the Louisiana Sheriff’s Association and has extended assistance and support.

NOBLE also commends Baton Rouge Mayor Kip Holden, Police Chief Carl Dabadie, and Governor John Bel Edwards for taking the steps to ask the U.S. Department of Justice for an independent investigation.

“We applaud the U.S. Department of Justice for taking over the investigation into this incident with all deliberation and hope that the Sterling family receives full justice and closure.” [End]

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### **About the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives**

Since 1976, The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) has served as the conscience of law enforcement by being committed to justice by action. NOBLE represents over 3,000 members internationally, who are primarily African-American chief executive officers of law enforcement

agencies at federal, state, county and municipal levels, other law enforcement administrators, and criminal justice practitioners. For more information, visit [www.noblenational.org](http://www.noblenational.org).