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National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) National President Gregory A. Thomas Set to Speak at Russell Simmons' All-Def Digital Town Hall on Police Reform

ALEXANDRIA, VA– National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) National President Gregory A. Thomas will serve as a panelist on The All-Def Digital (ADD) Town Hall on police reform at the **Ricardo Montalban Theater** located at **1615 Vine Street, Los Angeles, CA 90028** on **Thursday, June 23**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.**

The event, organized by hip-hop mogul and social activist Russell Simmons—a long-time advocate of criminal justice reform, will address community/police issues such as use of force and police reform. Thomas is Senior Executive for Law Enforcement Operations for the Kings County district attorney, the nation's third-largest public prosecutor's office.

As the President of NOBLE, Thomas has been active in previous conferences and forums addressing community/police relations and civic action. One of the organization's key programs, *The Law & Your Community*, instructs youth ages 13-18 on communicating with police, how to respond during traffic stops and similar police engagements, and knowledge of federal, state, and local laws. Moreover, community/police relations will be a topic at NOBLE's 40th Anniversary Training Conference and Exhibition in Washington, D.C. next month. "Since NOBLE's founding in 1976, we have been at the forefront of the conversation to ensure that there is equitable justice in all communities across the country," said President Thomas.

Thomas is also a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and of the American Society of Industrial Security. Thomas is among the nation's top emergency management and school-safety experts, and author of "Freedom from Fear: A Guide to Safety, Preparedness and the Threat of Terrorism."

In addition to Thomas, other panelists at The All-Digital Def Town Hall include Melissa Harris Perry-TV Host and Wake Forest University Professor; Jon Rapping-2014 MacArthur Genius Award Winner, Prosecutor and Co-Founder, Gideon's Promise; Benjamin Crump-President, National Bar Association; Carmen Perez-Gathering for Justice; Dr. Melina Abdullah-Black Lives Matter; Wanda Johnson- Oscar Grant's mother; Ty Dolla\$.

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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.

ABOUT ADD

All Def Digital (ADD) is the leading media company for urban-centric youth culture. ADD produces and distributes original content through its own media properties, social channels, traditional and premium television, theatrical motion-pictures, live events, brand partnerships through its in-house agency ADHD, and its own record label in partnership with Universal Music Group. ADD also manages a curated network of emerging and established talent including social video stars, stand-up comics, writers, actors, poets and hip hop recording artists. ADD is the fastest growing media brand in urban youth programming, touching over 100 million fans monthly across YouTube and Facebook, with category-leading engagement metrics. The company is headquartered in Los Angeles, California, with offices in New York. Its investors include Nu Horizons, Greycroft Partners, e.ventures and Advancit Capital.