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***National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives Statement on the Jeronimo Yanez Not Guilty Verdict***

Washington, DC – The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) asks for peaceful and lawful protests in the wake of the verdict finding Officer Jeronimo Yanez not guilty in the tragic death of Philando Castile. Our deepest condolences go out to the Castile family, friends, and the community.

We acknowledge the continued need for ongoing police accountability measures that restrict overzealous use of force fully recognizing the often discriminate toll minority communities have faced. To move forward in building policy measures that focus on ensuring the rights of all citizens, we must work together with the community, law enforcement, and elected officials. Dissenting voices matter and NOBLE seeks to affirm them in an ongoing dialogue that bridges the police and the community it serves in a productive manner.

Additionally we respect the justice system and its process even when verdicts don't align with public sentiment. We understand the frustrations of protesters, however, rioting and violence is not the answer. Our goals are best served through community non-violent action, 21<sup>st</sup> century police reform, and common sense policy development.

As NOBLE stands for equity in the administration of justice, we seek to work with all groups in reaching the aforementioned goals.

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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).

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