

# National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives



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### **The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) President Issues Statement on the Acquittal of Officer Philip Brailsford**

**ALEXANDRIA, VA** – Police brutality and excessive use of force have no place in our law enforcement community. In light of the tragic officer-related death of Daniel Shaver, many across this nation are losing faith in the court and its ability to punish police officers who abuse their power. The graphic video showcasing the moments prior to Mr. Shaver's death only serves to further support the mounting disdain regarding Officer Brailsford's acquittal.

“NOBLE stands with those who are crying out over this verdict. It not only diminishes the work undertaken by officers and community leaders across the country in building the fabric of police and community relations---- Brailsford's acquittal speaks to the idea that some are above the law. In a nation built on justice, this should never be the case,” said NOBLE President, Clarence Cox.

NOBLE is committed to building an inclusive community-oriented police and law enforcement culture that doesn't victimize those it serves. The duty of law enforcement goes beyond protecting citizens from harmful acts, we must also rebuke harmful actions conducted by our own men and women in blue.

Shaver died in one of at least 963 fatal police shootings in 2016, [according to a Washington Post database](#). His death was one of an increasing number of shootings that prompted criminal charges in the years since the 2014 protests in Ferguson, Mo., following the death of Michael Brown. Yet charges brought against offending officers remain rare, and convictions even more so.

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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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