



**ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC.**  
Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter  
Columbus, Ohio

**For Immediate Release:**

**ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. ALPHA RHO LAMBDA CHAPTER  
DECRIES THE SHOOTING DEATH OF ANOTHER BLACK MAN BY LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**[COLUMBUS, OHIO December 10, 2020]** – The leadership of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter located in Columbus, Ohio decries the shooting death of Casey Goodson, Jr., a 23 year old Black man, killed by a Franklin County sheriff's deputy here in Columbus. Mr. Goodson was shot multiple times while entering his own home, following a dentist appointment, with only keys and sandwiches in his hands.

While the details continue to be investigated, we struggle to find the right words that meet the trauma, the terror and the travesty of this unnecessary act of violence. The weight of this inconceivable trend of violence that bears on this community is only a small measure of the pain and suffering that Mr. Goodson's family is currently experiencing. We mourn with them in their loss of a son, a grandson, a brother, a friend and a neighbor.

As servants of this community and leaders for transformational change and community uplift, we cannot allow any institution that exists with the purpose of serving and protecting our community to render us powerless. We demand justice. We demand accountability. We demand procedural changes that directly impact the outcomes of these extrajudicial killings at the hands of law enforcement officers.

We will be actively engaging with local representatives, advisory groups, and review boards to exercise our power to bring about the change our community so desperately needs so that other families, and our entire community, does not have to be subjected to these unconscionable acts of violence.

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*Since its chartering in 1929, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Alpha Rho Lambda Chapter has been active in the greater Columbus area by providing leadership development and community advocacy via the Fraternity's national and local initiatives.*

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