

AL NAACP NEWS

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ALABAMA NAACP CALL: DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN 'BLACK FRIDAY'

The Alabama State Conference of the NAACP will hold a press conference at Kelly Ingram Park on Monday, November 21st, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. to ask people to respond to a call of action of good will and moral conscience and not participate in 'Black Friday' Sales Events. Kelly Ingram Park is located at 5th Avenue N & 16th Street, Birmingham, AL 35203.

The Alabama NAACP is responding to the State of Lost Lives which have been taken at the hands of trigger happy and irresponsible law enforcement.

An alarming number of lives of our youth and children have been taken which represents another form of genocide.

"We are asking those to come out and support the Alabama NAACP as we stand in solidarity with those fallen victim to the irresponsible actions of law enforcement. Too often are we reading headlines of continuous police brutality and the lives of young men of color being taken senselessly for things like minor traffic incidents. All lives matter and every one should make it home. So, in response to trigger happy law enforcement, we want everyone to refrain from participating in 'Black Friday' events in Alabama," said Benard Simelton, President of the AL NAACP.

Two cases are being tried in court this week. Philando Castille, a 32-year-old African American was fatally shot 4 times at a traffic stop for a broken taillight in Minnesota, by St. Anthony police Officer Jeronimo Yanez. Diamond Reynolds and her 4-year-old daughter were also in the car, but uninjured. The officer has been charged with manslaughter.

And 50-year-old Walter Scott, of North Charleston South Carolina was unarmed, ran from police officer Michael Slager, who fired his weapon 8 times, striking Scott in the back 5 times. Officer Slager pulled Walter Scott over for a non-functioning brake light. Officer Slager was indicted on federal charges of violating Scott's civil rights and unlawfully using a weapon during the commission of a crime. In addition, he was charged with obstruction of justice as a result of his false statement to state investigators that Scott was moving toward him with the Taser when he shot him.

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