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ALABAMA NAACP TO RALLY IN SUPPORT OF KHARON DAVIS Denied Constitutional Right to Due Process and Jailed for 10 years without a trial

Dothan, AL—The Alabama NAACP and others will hold a rally at the Houston County Courthouse on Monday, September 18th at 10:00am when Kharon Davis finally gets his day in court, after being locked up for ten years.

Kharon Davis has maintained his innocence, since his arrest on June 9, 2007 when charged with robbery and capital murder. Despite a decade passing, he has received no bail or trial.

The NAACP became involved in the case several years ago because of the length of the time it has taken prosecutors to prepare its' case. The United States Constitution grants every person the right to a speedy trial and due process under the Sixth Amendment. In fact, the Sixth Amendment states this:

“The Sixth Amendment guarantees the rights of criminal defendants, including the right to a public trial without unnecessary delay, the right to a lawyer, the right to an impartial jury, and the right to know who your accusers are and the nature of the charges and evidence against you.”

“We are asking those who believe in the Sixth Amendment and those that believe everyone is innocent until proven guilty to show up in large numbers to show your support for someone who has been denied the right to a speedy trial. I want to make it clear; our issue here is due process. To be in jail for ten years of your life and not be tried or convicted of a crime is an assault on the American people and on our justice system. Too much of this young man’s life has been taken from him already without a trial,” said Benard Simelton, president of the Alabama NAACP.

Houston County Courthouse is located at 114 North Oates Street
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