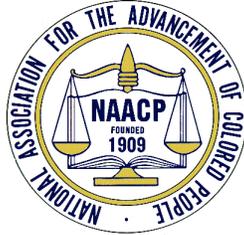


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ALABAMA NAACP SUPPORTS WILKERSON FAMILY

The Alabama NAACP supports the Wilkerson family as they demand the footage from body cameras of Troy police officers who brutality beat their son unconscious.

On the night of December 23, 2017, Ulysses Wilkerson suffered multiple injuries at the hands of police officers, including massive swelling to the brain, massive facial swelling and a cracked eye socket in three places – all while possible in handcuffs. The 17-year-old was hospitalized and required surgery due to his injuries.

Since that time, community organizers have held a rally and press conference demanding answers as to what happened to this young child.

“We support the local efforts of the community and the Pike County Branch of the NAACP. Not only do we want answers, but we want police officers to stop killing and brutally attacking our young children just because they can,” said Benard Simelton, president of the Alabama NAACP. “We want police officers to stop using the excuse that they feared for their lives, only to do irreparable harm to our community. It seems that police officers want to know what it feels like to kill or harm a black person. Police can make a choice; they can make a conscious decision and do the right thing if they want to. This has to stop, and we demand it to stop,” added Simelton. “Furthermore, these attacks are no different than terrorist attack on the black community.”

The NAACP will continue to work with community leaders, citizens and police departments across the state and country to bring attention to this – as it is inhumane policing of our communities. “If we have to rally, then we will rally, if we have to protest, then we will protest, if we have to boycott, then we will boycott and if we have to kneel, then we will kneel,” added Simelton.

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