

Media Release

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Headline: Union County Sheriff's Office, Monroe Police Department, Union County NAACP and Union County Baptist Minister's Fellowship

Regarding: The Death of Mr. George Floyd

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The death of Mr. George Floyd is deeply unsettling and rightly deserving of great concern from all Americans citizens.


The deplorable actions of the Minneapolis police officers who were involved in this matter are inconsistent with the training, practices, professional standards, and values of law-enforcement professionals.

We commend Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo for his swift and decisive action to terminate the employment of the officers involved. We hope federal, state, and local officials will work cooperatively to fully and completely investigate the death of Mr. Floyd and bring justice to his family and the people of Minneapolis.


While we understand the indignation of the people in Minneapolis and around the country, we do not condone unlawful rioting. We therefore pray for peaceful demonstrations that will honor the life of Mr. Floyd while strongly objecting to his defenseless and reprehensible death.

The Union County Sheriff's Department and Monroe Police Department will work endlessly to maintain the trust and faith of the community it serves. Their mutual commitment to proper and lawful policing, respect for all human life, and their deep desire to work cooperatively with the public and organizations such as the NAACP and the Baptist Minister's Fellowship demonstrates an example, we should all be proud of in Union County.

We extend our deepest condolences to the Floyd family for their loss. We mourn with them during this difficult time, and we pray complete justice will be served.



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