

NOTICE OF PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING THE FATAL SHOOTING OF LEONTAE KIRK

RE: United States District Court of Arizona Case Number 2:23-cv-00836-MTL—CDB

Details of Press Conference:

DATE: August 16, 2023

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

WHERE: Sandra Day O'Connor United States Federal Courthouse - 401 W. Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85003 on the Pavilion.

Attendees:

- Sean Woods – Attorney for Leontae Kirk’s beneficiaries and for the Estate of Leontae Kirk
- Robert Mills – Attorney for Leontae Kirk’s beneficiaries and for the Estate of Leontae Kirk
- Thomas Connelly – Attorney for Leontae Kirk’s beneficiaries and for the Estate of Leontae Kirk
- Larnell Farmer - West Valley NAACP, First Vice President
- Sharon Roberts – Leontae’s mother
- Kashane Kirk – Leontae’s brother and Personal Representative of Leontae Kirk’s Estate
- Brittne Turner – the mother of Leontae’s child

PURPOSE:

To bring light to the facts leading to the death of Leontae Kirk and to provide an opportunity for his family to be heard.

In light of the latest updates on the United States Department of Justice investigation showing that Phoenix Police use of force incidents have risen by six percent (6%) for the first four months of 2023 compared to the same time frame in 2022, it is far past the time to allow the City of Phoenix and the Phoenix Police Department to continue operating as they always have.

Change must happen now.

Leontae’s story is egregious. Yes, it is another in a long line of deadly incidents at the hands of the Phoenix Police, but it is of utmost importance to highlight his story in particular because of the horrifying nature of the evidence. The public must continue to be reminded that the Phoenix Police only provides lip service and never effects change.

ABOUT LEONTAE:

Leontae was a loving father and was a musician who loved his craft. Kashane Kirk, Leontae's brother describes Leontae:

He was never a trouble maker, he said when we were kids he always wanted to be a music artist and have fun doing it and to put a smile on peoples' faces. He was a selfless and giving person who only wanted to look out for his family. He promised that if he ever made it in the music industry and received a good income from it, he would take care of his family so they would not have to struggle in life.

He was full of love and forgiveness when others would do him wrong in life, he would be the type to be the bigger person in a situation. I can say no matter how hard life got, he always tried to keep a smile on his face through all the pain and struggles we would go through growing up. He would try to stay busy with doing side jobs as much as possible as he got older and he worked on doing music as well to stay busy. He wanted to be someone that others look up to and would love to motivate kids to do good in life.

He was a loving father to his child, and he doted on her and pushed himself to be that father figure as much as possible. He wanted the best for his child and wanted her to see how much he loved her. He would be there for her for special occasions and when his daughter had sporting events at school, he would put forward the effort to go out of his way to see her and to cheer her up to let her know that her father was there watching her.

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