

David Wright

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Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 3:43 PM
To: Jennifer Cascio;David Beth
Cc: Patrick A. Salvi;Patrick Salvi II;Ben Crump;blamarr@lamarrfirm.com;Brian Salvi;Tara Devine;Eir Nakamura Salvi;Martha Valencia
Subject: RE: Jacob Blake case - Corresp from Mr. Salvi
Attachments: 9-03-20 2nd Response to Patrick A. Salvi.pdf

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Hello,

I apologize for not recognizing that today's request was different then the perseverance request sent on 8/29/20. See the attached response regarding your request sent today 9/3/20.

Sgt. David Wright #216
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Subject: RE: Jacob Blake case - Corresp from Mr. Salvi

Good afternoon, Sergeant Wright.

Your response below references Mr. Salvi's correspondence from August 29, 2020. Please be advised that Mr. Salvi's correspondence from today, September 3, 2020, is a specific Open Records Request pursuant to Wisconsin Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39. Our preservation request from August 29, 2020 is in no way replaced or withdrawn by our Open Records Request dated today, September 3, 2020.

We look forward to your response to our Open Records Request pursuant to Wisconsin Stat. §§ 19.31–19.39.

Thank you.

Jennifer M. Cascio

Attorney

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From: David Wright <David.Wright@kenoshacounty.org>

Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 3:09 PM

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Importance: High

Sheriff Beth:

Please see attached correspondence from Mr. Salvi. Kindly confirm receipt. Thank you.

Martha Valencia

Executive Assistant to Patrick A. Salvi Sr.

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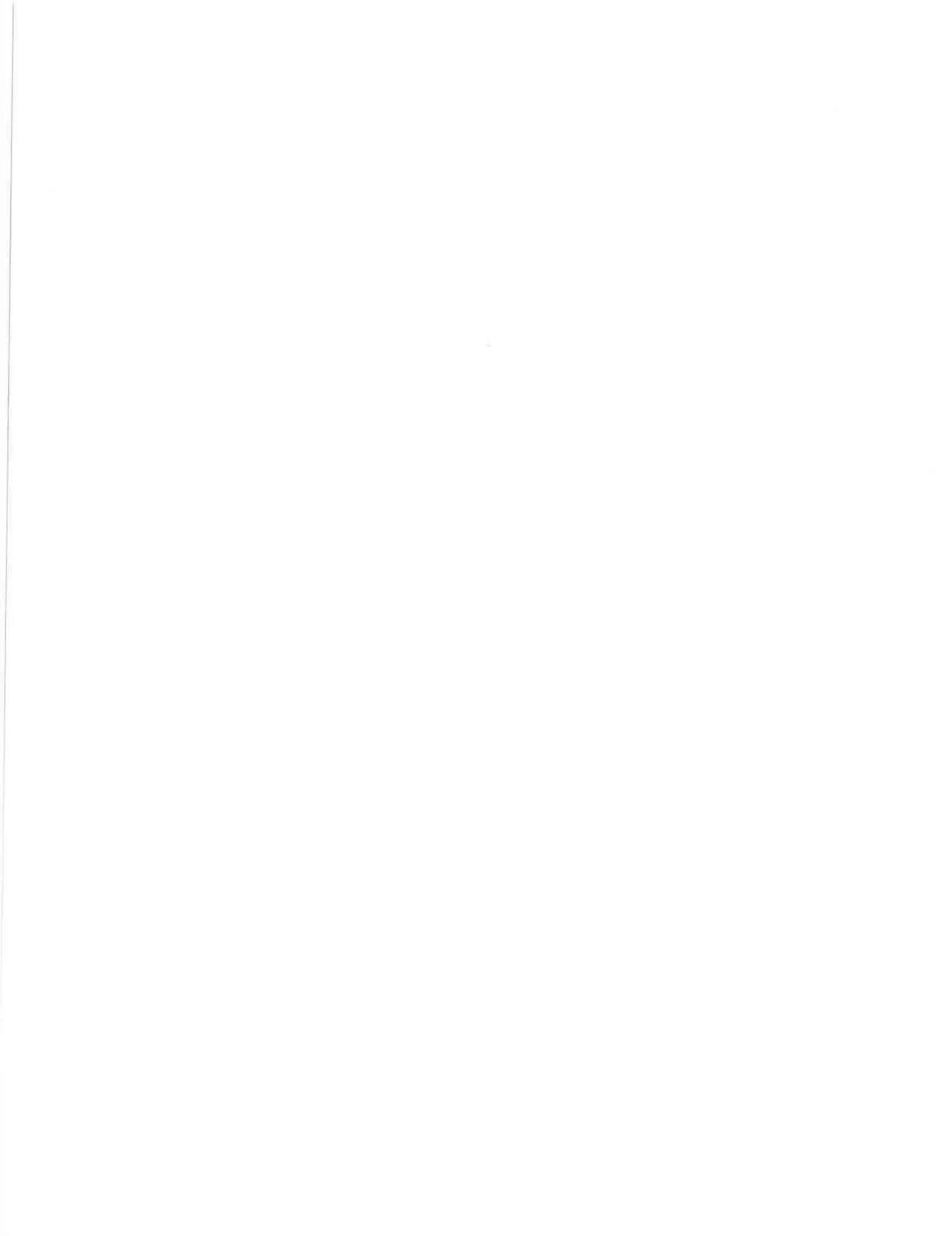
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September 3rd, 2020

Patrick A. Salvi, II
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Re: Open Records Request September 3rd, 2020

We have received your request and are in the process of locating and reviewing the documents you have requested in your email to our department on September 3rd, 2020. Due to the current situation of civil unrest in Kenosha County your request may take several weeks to fulfill. We will actively process your request when time permits.

Kenosha County Sheriff's Department follows the requirements and guidelines outlined in Wisconsin's Public Records Law, which is contained in Wis. Stats. §§ 19.31 to 19.39 and Kenosha County Municipal Ordinance § 3.64. According to Wis. Stat. § 19.35 (4) (b), this determination is subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to the District Attorney or Attorney General.

Sincerely,

David G. Beth
Sheriff – Kenosha County

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Re: Open Records Request August 29th, 2020

Attorney Patrick Salvi:

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department ("KSD") received your letter dated August 29, 2020. KSD is interpreting this correspondence as a preservation letter and as a request to preserve documents and records relating to the Jacob Blake incident on August 23, 2020. KSD is not interpreting this communication as a public records request. When you do request records in the future, please be advised that KSD was not the responding agency to the incident with Jacob Blake on August 23, 2020. The responding agency was the City of Kenosha Police Department. Therefore, the majority of your request for records, including but not limited to CAD reports, dispatch audio, squad videos, Taser reports, communications, and personnel files, should be directed to the City of Kenosha Police Department since they are the legal custodians of these records. Furthermore, the Division of Criminal Investigation ("DCI"), with the Wisconsin Department of Justice is handling the investigation into the incident, not KSD. Any requests for records pertaining to the investigation should therefore be directed to DCI. Please be advised, however, that it is unlikely that DCI will release records until after its investigation into the matter is completed. If you have any further questions, please free to contact us.

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From: Katie Wright <wright.katie.957@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2020 6:38 PM
To: jimkrueser@gmail.com; Jennie Tunkieicz; Michael Graveley; Michelle Battellini; John O' Day; Monica Yuhas; Boyd Frederick; Terry Rose; Laura Belsky; Andy Berg; William Grady; Daniel Gaschke; Jeffrey Gentz; Ronald Frederick; Jeff Wamboldt; Edward Kubicki; John Franco; David Celebre; Jerry Gulley; Sandra Beth; Erin Decker; Lon Wienke; Mark Nordigian; Sharon Pomaville; Amy Maurer; David Beth
Subject: REQUEST FOR ACTIONABLE CHANGE

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Dear Community Leaders:

My name is Katie Wright. I am a resident of Racine County, former resident of Kenosha, and continue to work directly with vulnerable populations in the Kenosha community as mental health case manager.

In light of this time of tragedy and continuing trauma in our community, I feel the need to ask that actionable changes be made in our community. I am aware that we have police body cameras in a future budget for Kenosha. Are the funds for that investment earmarked and guaranteed, or is it possible that the goal of purchasing body cameras will not be met? If there is any question of a lack of funding to purchase body cameras I would like to be aware as I would then like to organize a community fundraiser to ensure that these tools are at work in our communities.

Furthermore, once police body cameras are in place, it is equally important that we have specific policies in place for our officers to follow to ensure that the body cameras are used effectively; and these policies must be enforced. Body cameras and effective body camera policies are important to both protect the public from unchecked over-use of force by police officers as well as a tool to help officers accurately report incidents in which they are involved.

Are policies for the incoming body cameras under discussion at this time? If so, will these policies be made available to the public? I ask that policies regarding body cameras are well thought out and that officers are held accountable to them.

I am also aware that some members of the Kenosha Police Department have received Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) through NAMI Kenosha County. This is a wonderful step towards a police force trained and attuned to the needs of the community and can effectively de-escalate situations rather than enflame them. I would urge that this training become mandatory for all officers. Again, if the difficulty in making this a reality is lack of funds, I would like to be made aware so that I may organize a fundraiser for this as well.

It is important to note that even with the implementation of body cameras and training, this does not address the often implicit, sometimes overt racism present in any group of people, including the police

force. However, at this time of unrest it is crucial that we take steps to work towards accountability of those in positions of power.

That is why I also ask for the following to be considered.

The officer-involved shooting of Jacob Blake has shaken our community deeply. It has been further devastated by the destruction of the city in the nights following. Your constituents need your empathy and they need action.

The officer(s) involved in this incident should be terminated immediately. Regardless of the outcome of the DCI investigation, they should no longer be welcome to patrol the streets of Kenosha or work for the community. Their termination is an important step towards the healing that our community deserves.

The people of Kenosha need your leadership now. Please address the public, empathize with the trauma the community is continuing to suffer, and work with local Black leaders towards productive change. Reach out to the following community leaders to facilitate healing and change:

Attorney Angela Cunningham: 262-909-9553

Dr. Dominique Pritchett: 262-496-8897

Alvin Owens: 773-517-6568

Dontae Kelly: 262-880-3485

Brandon Morris: 262-930-1012

Sharmain Harris: Sharmainsharris@gmail.com

Regarding my questions of funding for body cameras, body camera policy, and Crisis Intervention Training, please contact me via email at wright.katie.957@gmail.com.

I love the Kenosha community and I am eager to help facilitate actionable changes for my neighbors and clients. I am hoping to help and happy to be a resource.

Sincerely,

Katie Wright

David Wright

From: Mike Cartwright <mikecartwrighttampafla@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2020 2:04 PM
To: David Beth
Subject: Sheriff Beth, why were you NOT there helping those like Kyle?

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Fact check:
Police gave Kyle Rittenhouse water and thanked him before shooting -

Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth said in an Aug. 28 news conference that the armored vehicle shown in the video is one of 19 being used in the area but wasn't from his department. He noted people have a Second Amendment right to bear arms to protect "their property," but local authorities had not asked them to come.

Video taken 15 minutes before Rittenhouse allegedly shot and killed two people shows exactly that. Police thanked his group for their presence and gave them water.

<https://www.newsbreakapp.com/n/0Wns2KAv?s=a4&pd=057BqEj4>

Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

David Wright

From: Andrea Weiler Anderson <weiler.c.andrea@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2020 11:56 AM
To: David Beth
Subject: Kenosha County Joint Statement

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Dear Sheriff Beth,

As a Wisconsin resident, I am emailing in regards to the joint statement with Kenosha PD that you signed on June 26 on behalf of Kenosha County Sheriff's Dept. Your condemnation of excessive force and "police misconduct, especially those where racist ideology may be a contributing factor" along with your commitment to "hold our officers and each other accountable" in situations where use of excessive force is used is noteworthy given the many instances of late where police have acted as such, racist ideologies bring the contributing factor.

I'm looking for an update on:

1. What you as Sheriff for Kenosha County have accomplished in the 64 days since that statement was released to "evaluate internal policies and practices and address bias in policing."
2. What immediate steps you have taken to hold the Kenosha Police Department accountable for their misconduct and use of excessive force, shooting Jacob Blake - a Black man - seven times in his back as his young children watched from the car.

I would appreciate a timely response - feel free to call or email.

Thank you,
Andrea Anderson
715-829-2152

David Wright

From: Robert Hallisy
Sent: Saturday, August 29, 2020 2:29 AM
To: Sheriff Administration;.DL Sheriff Captains;Horace Staples;Christopher Hannah;Eric Klinkhammer;Troy Barnett;Tom Gilley
Subject: FW: (External)Fwd: Jacob Blake Officer Involved Shooting (Release from KPPA & Involved Officers)

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FYI – KPPA Attorney press release

From: "Beller, James" <jmb455@kenoshapolice.com>
Date: August 28, 2020 at 11:56:11 PM CDT
To: KPSOA Members <KPSOA@kenoshapolice.com>
Subject: FW: (External)Fwd: Jacob Blake Officer Involved Shooting (Release from KPPA & Involved Officers)

KPSOA - FYI what the KPPA put out today.

From: "Brendan P. Matthews" <brendan@cermelelaw.com>
Date: August 28, 2020 at 13:27:55 CDT
To: pdeates@wi.rr.com
Cc: rebecca@cermelelaw.com
Subject: FW: Jacob Blake Officer Involved Shooting (Release from KPPA & InvolFrom: Brendan P. Matthews <brendan@cermelelaw.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 1:23 PM
To: 'Barton, Gina' <gina.barton@jrn.com>; 'jmercure@goodkarmabrand.com' <jmercure@goodkarmabrand.com>; 'jwagner@goodkarmabrand.com' <jwagner@goodkarmabrand.com>; 'ben.jordan@tmj4.com' <ben.jordan@tmj4.com>; 'bcullerton@cbs58.com' <bcullerton@cbs58.com>; 'angelica.sanchez@fox.com' <angelica.sanchez@fox.com>; 'derrick.rose@hearst.com' <derrick.rose@hearst.com>; 'marie.williams@charter.com' <marie.williams@charter.com>; 'spectrumnewswi@charter.com' <spectrumnewswi@charter.com>; 'randylsutton@thewoundedblue.org' <randylsutton@thewoundedblue.org>; 'dsmith@kenoshanews.com' <dsmith@kenoshanews.com>; 'ashley.luthern@jrn.com' <ashley.luthern@jrn.com>; 'Scott.Glover@turner.com' <Scott.Glover@turner.com>; 'markbelling@iheartmedia.com' <markbelling@iheartmedia.com>
Cc: 'CM ERAT' <brendan@cermelelaw.com>
Subject: Jacob Blake Officer Involved Shooting (Release from KPPA & Involved Officers)

The recent officer-involved shooting in Kenosha has produced a variety of feelings and narratives; most of which are wholly inaccurate. The purely fictional depiction of events coming from those without direct knowledge of what actually occurred is incredibly harmful, and provides no benefit to anyone whatsoever, other than to perpetuate a misleading narrative. The lawyers for Mr. Blake, among others, have continued to provide false and misleading "facts" to the public, in what can only be considered a ploy for attention and sympathy. Unfortunately, even the incident update from the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation ("DCI") -- the agency charged with investigating the incident independently -- is riddled with incomplete information, and omits important details that would help to paint a more complete picture of the incident. While DCI updated that release earlier

today (8/28/20), it is still lacking.

The Kenosha Professional Police Association, including the officers involved, believe the public deserves to know the truth.

Here are the actual and undisputed facts:

- * The officers were dispatched to the location due to a complaint that Mr. Blake was attempting to steal the caller's keys/vehicle.

- * Officers were aware of Mr. Blake's open warrant for felony sexual assault (3rd degree) before they arrived on scene.

- * Mr. Blake was not breaking up a fight between two females when officers arrived on scene.

- * The silver SUV seen in the widely circulated video was not Mr. Blake's vehicle.

- * Mr. Blake was not unarmed. He was armed with a knife. The officers did not see the knife initially. The officers first saw him holding the knife while they were on the passenger side of the vehicle. The "main" video circulating on the internet shows Mr. Blake with the knife in his left hand when he rounds the front of the car. The officers issued repeated commands for Mr. Blake to drop the knife. He did not comply.

- * The officers initially tried to speak with Mr. Blake, but he was uncooperative.

- * The officers then began issuing verbal commands to Mr. Blake, but he was non-complaint.

- * The officers next went "hands-on" with Mr. Blake, so as to gain compliance and control.

- * Mr. Blake actively resisted the officers' attempt to gain compliance.

- * The officers then disengaged and drew their tasers, issuing commands to Mr. Blake that he would be tased if he did not comply.

* Based on his non-compliance, one officer tased Mr. Blake. The taser did not incapacitate Mr. Blake.

* The officers once more went "hands-on" with Mr. Blake; again, trying to gain control of the escalating situation.

* Mr. Blake forcefully fought with the officers, including putting one of the officers in a headlock.

* A second taser (from a different officer than had deployed the initial taser) was then deployed on Mr. Blake. It did not appear to have any impact on him.

* Based on the inability to gain compliance and control after using verbal, physical and less-lethal means, the officers drew their firearms.

* Mr. Blake continued to ignore the officers' commands, even with the threat of lethal force now present.

The foregoing facts need to be added to the story to correct what is currently out there. As the uncontested facts above demonstrate, the officers involved gave Mr. Blake numerous opportunities to comply. He chose not to. None of the officers involved wished for things to transpire the way it did. It is my hope that truth and transparency will help begin and aid in the healing process.

Thank you.

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To: David Beth
Subject: CBS 58 Inquiry - Video of you watching Jacob Blake shooting video

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Good evening, Sheriff Beth,

I'm reaching out because there is a video being circulated of video of you at the scene of the Jacob Blake shooting. Someone hands you their phone and it appears they are showing you the video of the Jacob Blake shooting and you are looking at it. However, earlier today you said you had not seen the video.

So, have you seen the video? If you have, why did you say earlier that you did not? If you say you have not, can you explain what is happening in this video: https://twitter.com/Sam_Wunderle/status/1299450111395852289

Thank you,

Brittany Lewis
Reporter
CBS 58
414-312-3033

David Wright

From: Jennie Tunkieicz
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 3:16 PM
To: David Beth; Marc Levin
Subject: FW: Letter from Chairman O'Day
Attachments: Letter from Chairman O'Day.docx

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From: Regi Bachochin <Regi.Bachochin@kenoshacounty.org>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 2:56 PM
To: CountyBoard <CountyBoard@kenoshacounty.org>
Subject: Letter from Chairman O'Day
Importance: High

Supervisors,

Please see the attached letter from Chairman O'Day.

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2020 ELECTION SCHEDULE

Partisan Primary Election - Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Fall General and Presidential Election - Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Wisconsin requires Photo IDs to vote! For more information, please visit the following website:
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For additional election information, please visit: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/>.

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May 13, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

These are unprecedented times in Kenosha County. I, like each of you, am saddened by the tragedies—from the shooting of Jacob Blake, the death of two young men and the injuries to a third, and the destruction, looting and the many, many broken hearts. We love Kenosha County. This is not how any of us pictured our time in the national spotlight would be.

I want you to know that I have been in constant communication with County Executive Kreuser and have been getting updates from the Sheriff. I just was told this morning that the National Guard is now, as of Friday morning, significantly assisting in securing the perimeter of the Civic Center Campus. This allowing even more Sheriff's deputies, Kenosha Police officers and all of the other law enforcement resources from around the state and the nation, to be on patrol of the rest of the county. I am extremely pleased that more state and federal assistance in the way of personnel and resources have been approved for this ongoing situation.

I'm sure that you, like me, have been hearing from district constituents, and have been reaching out to them to hear their concerns. I'm hearing a whole range of emotions: sadness, fear, concern, a desire to help. They are looking to us, the County Board, to be united and to give them *hope* that we will get through this together. I have shared with them my support for the National Guard Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp, and his oversight of state and federal resources, along with our local and state law enforcement.

As you are certainly aware, our law enforcement officers are working long hours, and their resources are stretched to the limit at this time. That is one of the reasons that we are not going to have a regular County Board meeting on Tuesday. I am told there are not sufficient law enforcement resources at this time to provide a law enforcement presence in the meeting room, or, as some of you have asked, in the parking lot. Additionally, there was a lack of agenda items for a meeting. I ask your understanding and patience as we travel on these uncharted paths.

I also ask you to put aside differences and stop the divisiveness. We need to demonstrate our leadership by working together on behalf of all of Kenosha County.

Sincerely,

John O'Day

David Wright

From: Jim Kreuser
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:44 AM
To: ZCE;ZNETUSR
Subject: RE: Letter from County Executive Jim Kreuser about recent events

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August 28, 2020

Dear County Employees,

I want to take a moment to reach out to you at the end of what has been an emotionally devastating week. I know that you – like me – were shocked by seeing the video of Jacob Blake shot seven times by a Kenosha Police Officer. It shook me to the core. My heart goes out to Mr. Blake and his family, and everyone touched in some way by this horrific episode. I realize our county government family has been touched deeply by this tragedy, as well. I pray that Mr. Blake recovers from his injuries.

Compounding the emotional turmoil was the murder of two protestors and the injury of a third by a vigilante. So much tragedy is almost too much to bear.

We are all also saddened by the hard hit taken by Kenosha Downtown, Uptown, and other areas hit by outside agitators looting and destroying businesses. This is our home and it is surreal to see landmarks burned to the ground and businesses boarded up. I fully support the peaceful protests. If you are so inclined to peacefully protest, I do hope you will get to your homes by the curfew. I want you to be safe.

I have made a personal commitment to try to take steps to address the systemic racism that exists in Kenosha County. As you may be aware, the Kenosha County Board approved a resolution to declare racism as Public Health Crisis. I applaud that effort and there is a great deal of work to do.

We are taking some immediate steps. Those are:

- 1.) An internal examination of Kenosha County as an employer – we have formed the Kenosha County Diversity Task Force. I believe this group has already met at least once. This involves bringing together a diverse group of employees to help us determine how we are doing as it relates to the fair application of policies, access to professional development, retention and advancement and fair and equal treatment throughout employment. I want us to be an Employer of Choice for all. We have made some great strides, but we want to, and we will do better.
- 2.) Racial Equity Training for employees: We are looking at a number of organizations that provide training opportunities. We want to find one that offers more than “one and done” workshops. We are seeking to find opportunities that will inspire sustainable and lasting systemic change; and
- 3.) An external examination of our policies, procedures, and services to determine the implicit bias in what we do as a governmental agency for the public. We are looking at the best ways to tackle this very big job, but I think it’s a critical one if we want to impact real and lasting change in our county.

There is a lot of work that needs to be done to heal our community. But, our county is strong. We are resilient. We will get through this and come out stronger.

I have always said that Kenosha County is the biggest small town in the state. We love and care for each other. Where we have failed in that regard is an area that I pledge to work on by bringing together all facets of our community so that we can listen and hear, learn and change.

But, right now, I want to acknowledge you and the hard work you do every day to keep county government going, to serve the people of Kenosha County and to make Kenosha County the best place to live, work and raise a family. I realize that many of you are working long hours under stressful conditions. I additionally want to acknowledge our Sheriff's Department staff—we appreciate what you are doing, and we recognize these are exceptionally challenging time. Thank you to all of our Kenosha County employees.

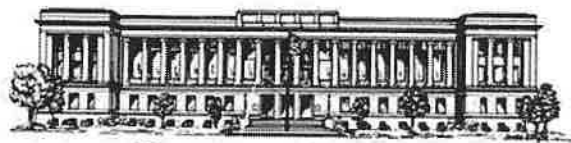
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We are going to get through this together and come out stronger as a county government, as a county and as a united community.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly to talk and I promise I will listen.

Sincerely,

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KENOSHA COUNTY
Wisconsin

David Wright

From: Megan Thilmony <meganthilmony@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 10:39 PM
To: David Beth;michael.gravelly@da.wi.gov;mayor@kenosha.org;Daniel Miskinis;Angelina Gabriele;Jennie Tunkieicz;Kathy Kemen
Subject: The unlawful and racist shooting of Jacob Blake

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D.A. Michael Graveley, Mayor John Antaramian, Chief Daniel Miskinis, Chief David Beth, The Kenosha District Attorney's Office, The Office of the County Executive, The Kenosha County Sheriff's Office,

My name is Megan Thilmony. I reside in Englewood, Florida and am a former resident of Illinois. I am emailing in regards to the unlawful and racist shooting of Jacob Blake on Sunday, August 23, 2020. Mr. Blake, his children, his family, his community, and the country deserve justice.

It is absolutely unsettling that a black man was shot 7 times in the back by a public servant responsible for the community's safety. It is absolutely unsettling that a police officer, with extensive training, thought to shoot a man 7 times before tackling him. It is absolutely unsettling, that in the exact same town just 2 nights later, many police officers allowed another man to shoot 3 people, killing 2. It is absolutely unsettling that multiple witnesses had informed police that this young, white man, carrying an assault rifle out in the open, had already shot one person before he went on to kill 2 more. It is absolutely unsettling that it took more than 3 days for the name of the officer directly involved in the shooting to be released. It is absolutely unsettling that this officer, Rusten Sheskey, still has a job and has not been charged with a crime. It is absolutely unsettling that Mr. Blake, the man who was shot 7 times in the back, is paralyzed and handcuffed to his hospital bed as he attempts to recover. It is absolutely unsettling that the man who put him in that hospital bed still walks free.

It is clear that black men do not get the same treatment as white men in Kenosha, Wisconsin. It is clear from the resurfacing videos of Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth that the police force in and around Kenosha, Wisconsin have and are taught racial biases that affect their work. It is clear that this is not just "a few bad apples" but a systemic problem. It is clear that a change is much overdue.

I applaud your swift action to suspend all officers involved, including the shooter Rusten Sheskey. However, I question why Officer Sheskey has not been terminated as a public servant and police officer. I question why a police force, who prides itself on protecting its community, would initially turn inward and fight so hard to conceal the identity of the officer who assaulted a member of the community it has sworn to protect. I question why a county sheriff, who believes "some people aren't worth saving" is still allowed to hold such a powerful position. I question why it does not appear that anyone from **any** of your agencies is as outraged as the rest of us.

While I now live many states away, your decisions affect myself and everyone in the United States of America. I beg you to do the right thing and terminate Officer Sheskey. I beg you to invoke systemic change in your local police forces and agencies. I beg you to reflect on your own biases and really, truly learn from them. I beg you to stop seeing black skin as something to fear.

Regards,
Megan Thilmony

David Wright

From: Beth Enslow <beth.enslow@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 8:45 PM
To: David Beth
Subject: Please make me proud

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Dear Sheriff David Beth,

I have been crying and sick to my stomach since the shooting of Jacob Blake. 35+ years ago, my basketball teams played in Kenosha many times. Often, I would be the only white girl on the court. I can't stop thinking that one of those girls could be the mother of Jacob Blake and grandmother to his children. Or Jacob Blake could have been my son, if life had made that turn.

I feel helpless about what to do to stop these police shootings and murders, which happen around the world to black and brown human beings. I recently heard an African-American woman say that the day her daughter earned her driver's license was one of the happiest and proudest moments of her life – and also one of the scariest moments. Because she knows that simply driving a car while black could get her daughter killed.

My hope and plea is that you will use your position of authority as sheriff to lead the city, the state, the nation, and the world in implementing true, lasting change. This is your chance to shine. I hope for all our sakes that you have the wisdom, the courage, and the commitment to do so.

Please make me proud to say that I am from Wisconsin and have great memories of Kenosha.

Sincerely,

Beth Enslow

Ontario, Canada

David Wright

From: Raymie Iadevaia <raymie@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:47 PM
To: Michael Graveley;mayor@kenosha.org;Daniel Miskinis;David Beth
Subject: Seeking Justice

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Dear Kenosha Officials,
My name is Raymie Iadevaia and I am writing to demand the immediate resignation of Police Chief Miskinis and Kenosha County Sheriff David Beth.

The murder with a deadly weapon that Kyle Rittenhouse on two peaceful protesters following the police shooting of Jacob Blake wasn't handled with the proper speed and in fact officers let the shooter go instead of apprehend for question. As a resident of Los Angeles, CA it is shocking and appalling to see your conduct regarding the 17 year old shooter and the racist bias that you treat a white person with a semi-automatic machine gun versus a black father trying to deescalate a violent situation.

I am demanding that all police officers involved in the shooting of Jacob Blake be fired immediately and that the Kenosha District Attorney file appropriate charges and prosecute those involved to the fullest extent of the law. I am asking you to use your position of power to step down and resign, because clearly this lack of fair treatment and right to due process has created a cancer at the very top.

I await you making amends for your complete disregard for black lives and justice.

In Solidarity,
Raymie Iadevaia

David Wright

From: Howell, Arthel <Arthel.Howell@cityofracine.org>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:35 PM
To: David Beth; Daniel Miskinis
Cc: Chris Schmaling; Chris Schmaling; Matthew Soens; Sean Marschke; PS_Senior_CMD
Subject: North Carolina Group

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Sheriff Beth & Chief Miskinis,

We just received word that a small caravan of 15 vehicles (all with North Carolina registration plates) was just observed traveling NB on I-94 near Six Flags, headed towards Kenosha.

In addition to having North Carolina plates, all of the vehicles observed had signs displaying "BLM" slogans.

FYI

ALH

Sent from my iPhone

David Wright

From: Mary McCord <mbm7@georgetown.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 6:02 PM
To: jantaramian@kenosha.org; Jim Kreuser; Michael Graveley; dmiskinis@kenosha.org; David Beth
Cc: Joshua Geltzer; Jonathan Backer
Subject: Unlawful Private Militia Activity in Kenosha
Attachments: Kenosha Letter (ICAP 08.26.pdf)

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Dear Kenosha officials,
Please see the attached letter regarding the militia activity in Kenosha and the legal authorities in Wisconsin that you may be able to deploy to mitigate the threat. After successful litigation against several militias that contributed to violence in Charlottesville, Va., at the Unite the Right Rally in 2017, our organization at Georgetown Law has worked with numerous jurisdictions across the country to combat unlawful paramilitary activity. We would be happy to consult with you pro bono if helpful.

Best,
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August 26, 2020

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Re: Paramilitary Activity in Kenosha

Dear Mayor Antaramian et al.:

I am the Legal Director of Georgetown University Law Center's Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection (ICAP). At ICAP, our mission is to defend American constitutional rights and values in and out of court. Over the past several years, as a result of

successful litigation we brought against militia organizations that participated in the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, we have developed an expertise in legal issues related to private paramilitary activity, as well as the regulation of public protests and demonstrations in a manner that protects public safety while respecting individuals' constitutional rights.

I am writing because we understand that members of private self-styled militias have appeared at recent demonstrations in downtown Kenosha, which has been the site of ongoing protest activity following the police shooting of Jacob Blake, Jr. According to media reports, a group called the Kenosha Guard called for “patriots willing to take up arms and defend our city . . . from evil thugs” to attend the protest that occurred at Civic Center Park on the evening of August 25, 2020.¹ This call to arms specifically described the group’s activity as augmenting local law enforcement, stating that “law enforcement is outnumbered.”² A post from the so-called “commander” of the Kenosha Guard further indicates that the group attempted to coordinate its activities with the Kenosha Police Department and the Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department.³ In addition, members of another militia that is part of the extremist Boogaloo movement have attended the protests in recent days.⁴

Tragically, three individuals were shot—two fatally—during the August 25 demonstration.⁵ It remains unclear from public reporting whether the individual charged for the shooting was formally a member of either of the militias or a fellow traveler emboldened by the presence of other armed individuals. Regardless, the bloodshed that occurred throws into sharp relief the danger posed when private and unaccountable militia groups take the law into their own hands. As Sheriff Beth aptly noted, “This is why you don’t deputize citizens with guns to protect Kenosha.”⁶ As protest activity continues, the potential remains for future confrontations between militia members and protesters. Such confrontations can lead to tension, the chilling of constitutionally protected speech and assembly, the destruction of property, and, as last night painfully demonstrated, violent confrontations.

As you may be aware, several provisions of Wisconsin law prohibit private paramilitary and unauthorized law enforcement activity. In particular, the Wisconsin Constitution’s Subordination Clause forbids private military units from operating outside state authority, providing that “[t]he military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power.” Wis. Const. art. I, § 20. In addition, Wisconsin law makes it a felony to “[a]ssume to act in an official capacity or

¹ Kristin T. Harris, *Wisconsin Militia Recruiting Citizens to Patrol Kenosha After 2nd Night of Riots*, InfoWars (Aug. 25, 2020), <https://www.infowars.com/wisconsin-militia-recruiting-citizens-to-patrol-kenosha-after-2nd-night-of-riots/>.

² *Id.*

³ Gina Barton & Bruce Vielmetti, *Kyle Rittenhouse, Charged in Kenosha Protest Homicides, Considered Himself Militia*, Milwaukee J.-Sentinel (Aug. 26, 2020), <https://www.jsonline.com/story/news/2020/08/26/kyle-rittenhouse-charged-kenosha-protest-shootings-militia/5634532002/>.

⁴ *Id.*

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ Julie Bosman & Sarah Mervosh, *Arrest in Overnight Shooting During Unrest in Kenosha, Wis.*, N.Y. Times (Aug. 26, 2020), <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/26/us/kenosha-shooting-protests-jacob-blake.html>.

to perform an official function, knowing that he or she is not the public officer . . . that he or she assumes to be.” Wis. Stat. § 946.69(2)(a).

Other provisions of Wisconsin law make clear that the Governor of Wisconsin, as the commander-in-chief, is the state official who has the authority to call the militia into active service. Wis. Const. art. 5, § 4 (“The governor shall be commander in chief of the military and naval forces of the state.”); Wis. Stat. § 321.39 (authorizing the governor to “order into state active duty members of the national guard” under limited enumerated circumstances); *id.* § 321.51 (authorizing the governor to “organize the state defense force” as “a uniformed force distinct from the national guard” and to “prescribe regulations, instructions, and policies . . . governing the enlistment, organization, administration, equipment, uniforms, maintenance, training, and discipline of the state defense force”). The legislature is the entity that has authority to determine which individuals are part of the militia and to regulate its activities. Wis. Const. art. 4, § 29 (“The legislature shall determine what persons shall constitute the militia of the state, and may provide for organizing and disciplining the same in such manner as shall be prescribed by law.”). Accordingly, private militias have no authority to deploy to engage in law enforcement or military functions outside of these carefully circumscribed laws, and no official other than the Governor has authority to call private individuals into service.

All 50 states have similar laws or constitutional provisions that bar private military activity. After the August 2017 Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, ICAP—relying on Virginia’s antiparamilitary laws—filed a successful lawsuit on behalf of the city, small businesses, and residential associations against a number of militia organizations involved in the violence. The case resulted in court orders against 23 individuals and organizations barring them from returning to Charlottesville in groups of two or more acting in concert while armed with anything that could be used as a weapon during any rally, protest, demonstration, or march. ICAP also recently partnered with the District Attorney for Bernalillo County, New Mexico, to bring a lawsuit against a local militia there that usurped law-enforcement and military authority in violation of similar laws in New Mexico. Other states have relied on these authorities as the basis for time, place, and manner restrictions during public protest events.

Since bringing its successful litigation in Charlottesville, ICAP has consulted free of charge with municipalities large and small across the country seeking advice on how to protect public safety while preserving constitutional rights during public protests and demonstrations. ICAP has developed a toolkit of legal principles, best practices, and creative solutions, titled *Protests and Public Safety: A Guide for Cities and Citizens*. We also have convened a new coalition of law firms across the country that have pledged to work with local jurisdictions pro

bono as they seek to ensure that future protests remain peaceful and free from unlawful militia activity. We would be happy to consult with you about applicable legal authorities in Wisconsin and how similar authorities have been used elsewhere, or to connect you with one of the law firms in the coalition.

Sincerely,

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David Wright

From: Anthony Shelton <acshelt1973@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:56 PM
To: Michelle Battellini;David Beth;Marc Levin
Subject: Cowards, All Of You

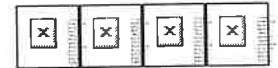
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To any and all at the Kenosha Sheriffs Department, do you realize how much of a coward your Sheriff is? You let a 17 year old do a man's job. And, then you charge him with murder? Your pussy deputies could respond to a shooting, but not to businesses being burned down? Pathetic. BLM is right, Fuck The Police. And, when the populous that is the silent majority gets pissed off enough, there will be no hope for you.

David Wright

From: Tom Palzewicz (personal) <info@tomforwi.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:41 PM
To: David Beth
Subject: My thoughts on the shooting of protesters in Kenosha

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Statement from Tom Palzewicz on Kenosha Shooting of Protesters

I am saddened, sickened, outraged, disappointed, enraged and beyond irate. There are some people in this country, including police officers, that seem to believe if you are not compliant then excessive use of force is justified.

Last night, in Kenosha, a white man with a semi-automatic rifle killed two people and wounded a third, walked past police without being arrested, and is walking free as of this morning. These protesters were demanding justice for Jacob Blake, a Black man and father of three, who was shot seven times in the back after trying to maintain peace in his own neighborhood. This display of excessive force, especially as an officer of the law, is unjustifiable. We must remove any lurking doubts that what happened to Jacob Blake can be categorized as acceptable or normal in any circumstances. Why did the officer who was called to the scene for a domestic dispute between two white women shift his attention to a Black man and use a gun on him? A Black person should not have to be "perfect" in order to explain why they deserved to not be shot. If this isn't an example of systemic racism in this country, then what is?

Sadly, this is the America we live in today.

There have been some police and deputies who spoke out against the Jacob Blake shooting. I thank those who stand for justice who also wear the badge, but it is not enough. One bad apple spoils the bunch, and all of those who wear a badge need to speak out; they are the peacekeepers.

I will not stop fighting for Black lives when I am in Congress. I will not stop fighting for an end to gun violence. I will not stop fighting to reinvest in social services in this country. And I hope all of you will continue to remember that when one of us suffers, we all suffer. Until there is equality in this nation, there is no true justice.

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David Wright

From: Laura Benson <benson.laura@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:16 PM
To: David Beth
Subject: Accountability to your Statement

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Hi,

My name is Laura. I grew up in Racine, WI, which means that I grew up connected to the Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie communities. My Brother went to Parkside, we frequent Captain Mikes, I shopped at all the Pleasant Prairie shopping centers. I have friends that live and have lived in Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie.

I saw the joint statement with KPD that Chief Beth signed on behalf of the Kenosha County Sherriff's Department on June 26th. Specifically, I appreciated your commitment to "hold each other and ourselves accountable", in situations where excessive force is used.

I'm looking for an update on:

1. What Chief Beth and the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has accomplished in the 61 days since that statement was released.
2. What immediate steps you have taken to hold the Kenosha PD accountable after shooting Jacob Blake 7 times as young children watched from the car.

A timely phone call or email would be appreciated.

Thank you,

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David Wright

From: Katherine Trudell <katherinetrudell@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 1:39 PM
To: jim.krueser@kenoshacounty.org; David Beth
Subject: Jacob Blake Shooting and Community Response

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Dear Community Leaders:

As a white, educated woman and lifelong resident of Kenosha, I place deep trust in your ability to lead our community. I don't take this privilege for granted. However, what I saw yesterday in your response to the events of Sunday night, shook that trust to the core.

On Sunday night, our community witnessed an event that deeply traumatized all of us. We took to the streets and demanded answers and were met with tight lips, no empathy, and the city started to burn.

On Monday, the community cleaned up, boarded up, and again demanded answers. I was hopeful when I saw the mayor planned to speak to the people- the people who elected him into office, repeatedly. The people who entrusted him to represent them and protect them- ALL of them.

But then, what I saw, was an act of cowardice. I saw city officials hiding in a public safety building, ignoring the pleas of their people at their door, ignoring the trauma, refusing to show their faces out of, what I can only assume was, fear for their own personal safety.

The crowds were heated, yes. The crowds were loud, yes. But it is your DUTY, as civil servants, to handle that with grace and empathy. If you cannot handle the tenor of democracy, the cries for justice or the heat of dissent, you have no business serving the public or representing me.

As a result of your inability to assuage or even properly address the concerns of the community, our city burned AGAIN last night. Outsiders entered the city, tracked all the way through Racine County with blacked out license plates without apprehension and destroyed our homes and businesses. That fire and destruction is blood on your hands.

I implore you to do better today. Our community is hemorrhaging. We are grief-stricken. Please consult with professionals and advocates who understand 1) chronic and acute trauma 2) racism in our community and 3) emotional intelligence.

These professionals exist in our very city. They are knocking on your doors. Here is a list of leaders who have been on the front lines, advocating for positive and peaceful change LONG BEFORE Sunday night:

Attorney Angela Cunningham: [262-909-9553](tel:262-909-9553)

Dr. Dominique Pritchett: [262-496-8897](tel:262-496-8897)

Alvin Owens: [773-517-6568](tel:773-517-6568)

Dontae Kelly: [262-880-3485](tel:262-880-3485)

Brandon Morris: [262-930-1012](tel:262-930-1012)

Sharmain Harris: Sharmainsharris@gmail.com

These people are ready to help. Reach out to them, talk to them, and follow their lead. I don't want to see the city I grew up in, the city I'm raising my children in, the city I call home, burn another night. Please contact me at [262-748-6178](tel:262-748-6178) or by email for further conversation.

Very truly yours,

Kate Trudell

David Wright

From: Amanda Hennessy <amandarosehennessy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 11:38 AM
To: David Beth
Subject: urgent note // Kenosha County Sheriff Dept

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Hi,

My name is Amanda, and I grew up just 25 miles from Kenosha - most of my family still lives in the area.

I saw the joint statement with KPD that Sheriff Beth signed on behalf of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department on June 26. Specifically, I appreciate your commitment to "hold each other and ourselves accountable" in a situation where excessive force is used.

I'm looking for an update on:

- 1.) What Sheriff Beth and the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has accomplished in the 61 days since that statement was released.
- 2.) What immediate steps you have taken to hold the Kenosha Police Department accountable after shooting Jacob Blake seven times in the back as his three young children watched from the car.

A timely phone call or reply to this email would be appreciated.

Thank you.

Amanda Hennessy
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David Wright

From: Ana McDermott <anapmcdermott@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:19 PM
To: David Beth; Marc Levin; Michelle Battellini; Kathy Kemen; Justin Miller; Robert Hallisy; Bill Beth; kenneth.urquhart@kenoshacounty.org; Horace Staples; sherry.mckeever@kenoshacounty.org
Subject: Needless Violence

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Hello,

The despicable behavior of all officers involved in Jacob Blake's must be addressed. The officers must be fired and prosecuted to the fullest extent. It is obvious that the shooting officer had no regard for Jacob's life and did not care whether he murdered an innocent man or not.

Imagine if this was your family. Your father, brother, uncle, cousin. Police brutality needs to end.

Thank you for all that you do to protect citizens every day. Your bravery and willingness to protect us does not go unnoticed. Please get rid of the bad officers so the many good officers can continue doing their job with respect and fairness for all.

Thank you,

Ana McDermott

David Wright

From: Samantha M. Haun <samanthamhaun@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 5:11 PM
To: mayor@kenosha.org;David Beth;Daniel Miskinis
Subject: You MUST take action! Jacob Blake

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Mayor Antaramian, Sheriff Beth & Police Chief Miskinis,

I'm writing to express outrage at the attempted murder of Jacob Blake by Kenosha Police officers.

In a recent statement to the public, your message said clearly, **"We condemn excessive force and will hold our officers and each other accountable. We strongly support legitimate police action but are disgusted by any instance of police misconduct, especially those where racist ideology may be a contributing factor."**

And now it is time to put your words into practice and hold the officers accountable. Their actions are disgusting and inhumane and an embarrassment to the force. You must immediately take a stand against this behavior by dismissing them from their roles. They have proven they are unable to Serve & Protect.

In hopes of a brighter future for Black Americans,

Samantha M. Haun
Charlotte, NC
704-439-6339

Sent from my iPhone

David Wright

From: Morgan Cornacchini <morgan.e.cornacchini@vanderbilt.edu>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:59 AM
To: Michael Graveley; David Beth
Subject: Justice for Jacob Blake

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Dear Michael and David,

I am emailing you all today because of your role in the justice system in Kenosha County. As you know Jacob Blake was shot 7 times by two of your police officers after he already was tased - both attacks happened in front of his children. He was at the scene helping break up a fight; he was helping and is now fighting for his life.

I am writing to you to demand further action to be taken against the two police officers involved in his attack. Though they are on leave, that is not enough. It is not enough for someone to be just put on leave for almost taking someone's life and traumatizing his family.

You can be on the side on the justice - on the right side of history. Get justice for Jacob Blake and his family.

Morgan Cornacchini

David Wright

From: Isabelle <adamsi2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 11:17 AM
To: David Beth
Subject: Officer Luke Courtier

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Dear Sheriff Beth,

My name is Isabelle Adams and I am requesting that you remove Officer Luke Courtier from your police department (without pay) and call for his arrest immediately. His actions against and attempted murder of Jacob Blake on 8/23/20, in addition to previous public commentary dating back to 2014, make him unfit to serve the public your department is supposed to be protecting. He is a danger to society and should be treated as such. Please act swiftly. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Isabelle Adams

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Isabelle Adams (she/her/hers)
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Brooklyn, NY

David Wright

From: David Zoerner
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Sheriff Patrol Supv
Subject: Hospital Guard of Jacob Blake @ Froedtert

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Sirs,

Jacob Blake is currently under guard at Froedtert Medical Center. Milwaukee County Sheriff is assisting us by guarding Blake at this time. Kenosha County Sheriff Deputies are taking over guard of this suspect on Tuesday at 0600 hours. Dep. Ergish #306 is assigned that guard. If Ergish will not be able to make that assignment due to unforeseen circumstances, supervisors please ensure we staff this guard timely. Please ensure he is still at the same location. SICU #12.

Very respectfully,

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David Wright

From: Christopher Klemko <klemkocj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:13 AM
To: David Beth
Subject: Tweet from Andy Ngô (@MrAndyNgo)

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Stay safe brother!

Andy Ngô (@MrAndyNgo) tweeted at 10:40 PM on Sun, Aug 23, 2020:
This is insane. BLM rioters armed with semi-auto rifles have shut down the street in #Kenosha and ordered a Sheriff's vehicle to stop. Video by @livesmattershow. #BlackLivesMatter <https://t.co/cDhmOBG1p9>
(<https://twitter.com/MrAndyNgo/status/1297770791891656706?s=03>)

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