
TO: JOHN CHISHOLM, MILWAUKEE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY

District Attorney Chisholm,

Let us start off with a simple question – how many more people must die at the hands of Officer Joseph Mensah?

Since joining the Wauwatosa Police Department in 2015, Mensah has shot and killed THREE men of color – Alvin Cole, Antonio Gonzales and Jay Anderson – with an excessive total of NINETEEN fired shots. His actions demonstrate an utter disregard for the lives of these young men.

What is also egregious is that the department's failure to mandate body camera has enabled these tragic instances. The failure to preserve video evidence has impeded multiple investigations.

As a result, we are calling for your office to prosecute Mensah to ensure that he never kills anyone again and to immediately outfit all of our police officers with body cameras. It is your responsibility to do the right thing, hold Mensah accountable for his actions and protect Wauwatosa citizens from further tragedy. Mensah must also be de-certified and fired from the police force immediately.

Outside of the three tragedies associated with Mensah, no other fatal shootings by police have taken place in Wauwatosa since Mensah joined the force in 2015. Doesn't that tell you something?

If you fail to prosecute Mensah, you're doing a disservice to the legacies of Alvin Cole, Antonio Gonzales and Jay Anderson, ignoring the lives of black, brown and LGBTQ citizens in your county and essentially allowing for the possibility of a future catastrophe.

The law demands that each shot fired from a police officer's gun is carefully and thoroughly scrutinized. Nineteen shots and three deaths in five years are not a pattern of accidents.

We stand with the families of Alvin, Antonio and Jay as well as Attorney Kimberley Motley, who represents them.

So we ask you once again – how many more people must die at the hands of Officer Joseph Mensah?

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