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NEWS CONFERENCE – Tuesday – May 23 – 1 pm

LOCATION: US District Court – 85 Broad Street – Charleston, SC

NEWS CONFERENCE OBJECTING TO THE RISKS AND DANGER IN MICHAEL SLAGER’S PLEA DEAL AND SENTENCING

WASHINGTON, DC, May 20, 2017 – Malik Z. Shabazz, Esq., President of Black Lawyers for Justice and other organizational leaders will speak out about and object to the risks and dangers inherent in the Michael Slager plea deal. Under a Plea deal, taken by Slager on May 2, 2017, could land Slager in prison with as little as probation and also as much jail time as life in prison. However, experts are predicting that Slager could serve under five years – as little as three years with extended probation.

Attorney Malik Z. Shabazz and Black Lawyers for Justice first started advocating for justice for Walter Scott in South Carolina April of 2015. He is nationally known attorney activist that has an extensive track record of fighting for and takes a hard line for justice. Mr. Shabazz says *"This sentencing is a risky proposition. The plea deal should have included pleas to stronger counts and the state prosecution on state charges should have gone forward. We won't hear the re-sentencing recommendations until trial, but because he is a police officer he will not be treated harshly. Police brutality against Blacks is a nationwide scourge and Slager must be made a stern example of."*

If Michael Slager gets a mere slap on the wrist, then the already shaky public confidence in the justice system will erode beyond repair. Harmless and defenseless Walter Scott was intentionally shot in the back several times by a vicious Michael Slager. His family will never see him again. Therefore, we are demanding life in prison for Michael Slager and no less. Life in prison is the standard for justice in this case. Any sentence under 50 years is a grave offense to the nation, the community, and justice itself."

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News conference objecting to the risks and danger in Michael Slager's plea deal May 20, 2017

The news conference will be attended by Mr. Bobby Worthy, President of The Justice League United, Charleston's legendary activist Shakem Akhet, several preachers and Civil Rights activists and a bevy of dissatisfied local activists. Also attending the news concern will likely be members of the Charleston City Council and the local National Action Network.

Many local residents say that they have great respect for the family of Mr. Scott yet they claim they adamantly do not forgive Michael Slager and also state that Slager's assassination of Scott is just the tip of the iceberg of the nasty race relations in the state of South Carolina.

Town hall meeting focuses on response to South Carolina shootings

http://www.finalcall.com/artman/publish/National_News_2/article_102300.shtml

Malik Zulu Shabazz discusses a police shooting in South Carolina

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aQmwdJMF8wI>

Walter Scott's brother: Slager deserves life

<http://www.cnn.com/videos/justice/2017/05/02/michael-slager-guilty-plea-walter-scott-family-sot.wcbd> -END-