



Miami-Dade Branch National Association For The Advancement of Colored People

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Dear Mayor Vallejo:

The Miami Dade Branch of the NAACP shares the outrage of the Deant family, and other members of the community, at the North Miami Beach Police Department (NMBPD) use of Black male pictures for target practice. Furthermore, the Branch is shocked and completely outraged at the fact that these actions are not currently against department policy and that the policy is defended by the Police Chief. The NAACP Strategic plan for Public Safety and Criminal Justice Calls for Equitable dispensation of justice for all through eliminating racially motivated policing strategies, and racially biased discriminatory acts. The act of using black men as target practice gives the impression of racial insensitivity.

Therefore, the Miami Dade Branch of the NAACP calls for the following actions:

- That the North Miami Beach Police Chief issue an apology to the Deant family and the rest of the community.**
- That the North Miami Beach Mayor and Council establish the policy that would make the use of actual portraits of real human beings forbidden with adequate discipline.**
- That the North Miami Beach Mayor and Council do a full review of the policies of the NMBPD to make sure insensitive and inappropriate items are changed.**

Sincerely,

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