Pasquotank County Chapter of the North Carolina NAACP
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On April 21, 2021, Andrew Brown, Jr. a 42-year-old Black man, father of seven and native of Elizabeth City was killed by a fatal shot to the back of his head at the hands of Pasquotank County Sheriff deputies. At the time of his death, Mr. Brown was unarmed, seated inside his vehicle backing out of his driveway, surrounded by more than a half-dozen heavily armed deputies, who had arrived at his home to serve search and arrest warrants. Pasquotank County District Attorney Andrew Womble acknowledged Brown was not armed with guns or other weapons. According to official accounts, including a statement by the District Attorney, in the 44 second fatal encounter, 14 shots were fired. Mr. Brown was hit by at least 5 bullets. His family described the scene of Andrew Brown Jr.'s death as an execution. We continue to join the Brown family unreservedly in their grief and in mourning their loss.

Over the past year, the Pasquotank County/Elizabeth City community has been reckoning with increasing tensions and rising distrust in local county law enforcement and prosecutorial leadership. These concerns have been deepened by the bias, lack of transparency, and absence of accountability in the last 365 days since Andrew Brown Jr. 's execution.

Because our community cannot move forward without impartial justice, accountability, and transformative change, the Pasquotank County NAACP respectfully demand the following:

1. **All unedited and unredacted body camera videos including audio worn by the deputies on the scene at the time of tragic shooting of Andrew Brown, Jr. in addition to written reports and transcripts of the incident by the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department**
2. **The resignation of Sheriff Tommy Wooten, Jr.**
3. **The termination, prosecution, and conviction of any deputies found responsible for the execution of Andrew Brown, Jr.**
4. **An independent investigation into the patterns and practices of the Pasquotank County Sheriff's office by the United States Department of Justice**
5. **An independent investigation into the patterns and practices of the Elizabeth City District Attorney's office by the United States Department of Justice**
6. **Appointment of a Special Prosecutor**

We, The Pasquotank County NAACP, stand ready to fearlessly advocate for our demands to be implemented. It is our goal to bring justice to the family of Andrew Brown Jr. and peace to the community as a whole.

In the Struggle for Truth and Justice,
The Pasquotank County NAACP