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** Media Advisory: Saturday April 30, 2022**

Elizabeth City Activists and Community Members Holding March to Mark the One Year Anniversary of the Police Killing of Unarmed Man Andrew Brown Jr.

The Brown family will join community leaders and activists as they hold a march, vigil, and press conference in Elizabeth City to Honor Andrew Brown and continue calls for police accountability, justice, and transparency

RALEIGH, N.C. – Tomorrow, hundreds will gather in Elizabeth City to continue calls for law enforcement reform in the city on the one year anniversary of the shooting death of Andrew Brown, Jr.. Since Brown's tragic execution on April 21, 2021, the Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County community continue to have many unanswered questions, a lack of trust in official leadership, and are still seeking accountability. After almost a year of marching, protesting, rallying, and advocating for justice, activists and advocates say there have yet to be any meaningful changes to policing policies or practices in the community.

Keith Rivers, President of the Pasquotank County NAACP says, "In the words of Malcolm X, 'you can't stick a knife in a man's back 9 inches and take it out 6 inches and call it progress.' We cannot go back to business as usual. We must have change, and that change starts at the ballot box."

Advocates from The NC NAACP, Forward Justice, Black Voters Matter, and others will be joined by members of the Brown family while they march through the city and call on officials to take immediate action on their list of demands around policing and safety.

The march on the 30th is being held after an initial permit request by the NC NAACP to hold a march on April 21st, was denied by the city. Late afternoon on April 20th, Event organizers met with the City Manager and were finally granted a permit for the march on April 30th. Organizers say that although the permit was granted, there is still no protocol in place for obtaining a permit, and no clear and transparent process available for the community to easily access.

What: "Say His Name & Vote" Rally. This event will begin with a "Journey to Justice" rally followed by a march to the polls. Speakers will include:

- **The Family of Andrew Brown, Jr.**
- **Deborah Maxwell** - President, NC NAACP
- **Daryl Atkinson-** Co-Director, Forward Justice
- **Danielle Brown** - Executive Director, Black Voters Matter
- **Marcus Bass** - Executive Director, Advance North Carolina
- **Kerwin Pittman** - Director of Policy & Program, Emancipate NC
- **Ashley Mitchell** - Attorney, Forward Justice
- **Cheniec Mccullough** - Student Government Association President Elect, ECSU

When: Saturday, April 30, 2022 @ 11am EST

Where: K.E. White Graduate Center 1704 Weeksville Rd, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

More information: On April 21, 2021, the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Department took the life of Andrew Brown, Jr. while executing a search and arrest warrant. According to the public statements made by Mr. Brown's attorneys, Mr. Brown was unarmed with his hands on the steering wheel trying to flee from the

barrage of bullets when he was fatally killed by the deputies. No charges were filed against any of the officers involved.

Community members are calling on people to remember that Andrew Brown Jr. should be alive today, that his execution was inhumane and unjustified. Until justice is served and the deputies involved are held accountable, the community will continue to say his name… **#AndrewBrownJr**.

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