

Walter Quantez O'Bryant

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To the city of Starkville, Mayor, Board of Alderman, Chief Nicholas, Detective Ballard and Police Department, NAACP Local Chapter Chris Tatum, WCBI News, Starkville Daily News

On the night Monday November 23, 2015 I Walter Quantez O'Bryant walking across SITEL parking lot there were no officers on the scene at that time then all of a sudden polices arrived as I was walking I heard a gun cocked that's when I looked and seen a riffle pointed directly at me. At the time I was trying to tell the officer "I'M NOT THE GUY YOUR LOOKING FOR I'M WALKING TO I'M WALKING TO MY COUNSINS MOTHER CAR" as I feared for my life the officer processed to say "I don't want to hear it shut up get down on the ground" as I was trying to tell the officer it wasn't me he told me to "get on the fucking ground and put your hands behind your head". As I followed his orders the only thing I could think about was "I'm fixing to die for no reason". As I was laying there fearing for my life, when my girlfriend found out it was me I heard her running, screaming, and crying towards the scene saying "YALL GOT THE WRONG GUY HE IS NOT THE GUY" the officer response was OH, WRONG GUY GET UP" after that they proceeded to do what they were doing after about 30 minutes. During that time my mother and brother had arrived on the scene. They could not find the suspect so officers started leaving he was the last officer on the scene. He drove to where me and others were standing and asked "who all was out here earlier" my girlfriend responded "you talking about when you pulled the riffle on my boyfriend yea we was out here". He said "yea that I wanna apologize" that's when I said "you were about to take my life" (with a tone). That's when he turned his body camera on and said "Do we have a problem buddy" (repeatedly) and started walking towards me. Things had started to get out hand with the officer and the crowd. My mother told him "Just go on repeatedly. We will handle it in the morning" he responded "ok that's the way you all want to handle it" (with a tone). The apology wasn't sincere and you could tell from his demeanor and the way he was talking. You see situations like this all the time on national news but, you never expect it to happen in Starkville you would never expect yourself to even be in that situation. I can tell you from firsthand experience it is not a good feeling seeing that gun pointed at you and knowing ONE shot ONE kill your life can be gone and not knowing what the other person is thinking that can pull the trigger. This situation has caused nerves damage, sleepless nights, and lack of appetite. This situation has took a mental toll on me. This could have happened to anyone not just me and this same situation may occur again and that's what I'm trying to prevent. The situation could have been handled better than it was he didn't even ask me to identify myself until this day he still doesn't know my name. The situation was handled very unprofessional.



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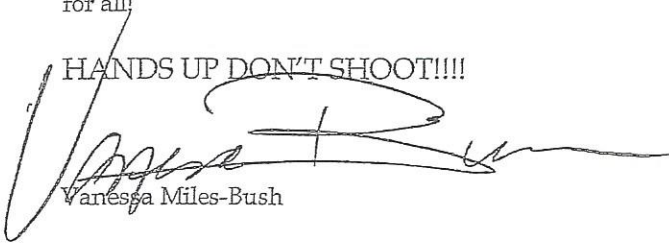
VANESSA MILES-BUSH

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To the city of Starkville, Mayor, Board of Alderman, Chief Nicholas, Detective Ballard and Police Department,
NAACP Local Chapter Chris Tatum, WCBI News, Starkville Daily News

On the night of Monday November 23, 2015 my son Walter Quantez O' Bryant was involved in an incident at SITEL located on hwy 182 Starkville, MS. With the Starkville Police department. I feel the way the officers handle the situation could have been handle in a better matter in which it was, because it could have been another black young male life lost because of inappropriate actions. My son was very corporative they told him to put his hands up he did. He was trying to tell them I'm not the guy he repeated that he wasn't the guy, they told him to shut the fuck up repeatedly. And to get on the fucking ground and cocked there riffles ready to fire shots. If it had not been for his girlfriend and others that was there telling the officers that, that's the wrong guy repeatedly and what if he had made a wrong move I have no doubt that they would have shot and killed my son. For no reason. They never ask him his name during whole time or to identify himself. He did not fit the description of the person they was looking for. Upon my arrival on the scene I found my son to be devastated and nervous. The officers was walking around upon returning to the parking lot the other officers begin to leave the scene all except Officer Akins he pull his patrol car over to where the crowd were standing and exit the car and ask who all was out there when he first arrived on the scene and that's when Quantez girlfriend begin to say you talking about when you pulled the riffle on him and was about to shot him and then Quantez said you was about to take my life with a tone. Then officers Akins in rage turned on his body camera and said you got a problem buddy repeatedly, though in some parts of the situation the camera was not on. We all know it's a problem when someone is about to take your life. I seen it was getting out of control with Officer Akins and the young black crowd I told the crowd to stop and I held my hand out and ask Officers Akins to just leave because it was getting out of control and that I would handle it in the morning.(Tuesday November 24,2015). He then left the scene. I am very disappointed in our police department to know that we have this type of actions exist here in Starkville. This is a prime example of what's going on in other counties and states. I'm so glad someone let them know that they had the wrong person where would my son be today or would I be making funeral arrangements during this holiday season? The police are supposed to be trusted to protect and serve not destroy. I feel something should be done before someone become a victim of this type of action. Officers with attitudes and anger should not be servicing our people and county. Because we are one nation under God and justice for all!

HANDS UP DON'T SHOOT!!!!


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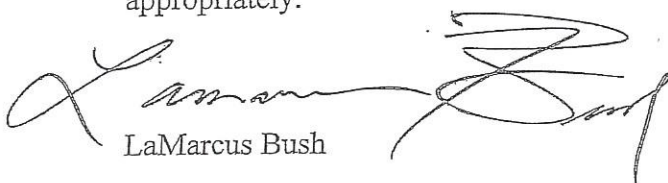
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Chief Nichols
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On 11-23-2015 I received a call that Officers, car numbers 32 and 1908, had my brother at gunpoint, lying on the ground in the Sitel parking lot. I immediately informed Chief Nichols of my concerns. Upon arrival at Sitel on the night of 11-23-2015 I witnessed a group of concerned citizens and members of the Sheriff Department. I also witnessed my brother and noticed that he was very startled. I then called Chief Nichols to confirm with him what I witnessed of the situation with the Officers involved. Chief Nichols reassured me that follow-up would be done accordingly. Before Officer Akins (car # 32) left the scene he drove from the front of Sitel entrance to approximately halfway where we were standing. He then got out of his car and stated "Who all was out here when the incident first occurred?" My brother replied "When you almost took my life". Officer Akins then turned his body camera on and walked over in a hurried pace saying "You got a problem buddy? You got a problem buddy?" I then called Chief Nichols and I stated to Officer Akins that I was about to call Chief Nichols and inform him of his actions. While on the phone with Chief Nichols my mother Vanessa Bush advised the group of people to be quiet and that we would handle the situation the next morning. She also asked Officer Akins to just leave. Officer Akins then went back to his car and sped off.

I feel that the Officers should have handled the situation in a much better manner. The way Officer Akins was acting indicated to us that he felt the need to make his presence known. I feel that he was using the power of his badge as a tool to violate the rights of my brother and to attempt to intimidate us. I feel that Officer Akins was attempting to bait a response from my brother that would give him justification for the continued use of excessive force that could have possibly left my brother dead. Officer Akins was very hot headed and did not represent the police force in a professional or appropriate manner. If my brother would have made something as simple as a hand gesture in an attempt to explain himself while lying on the ground, face down, this would have been another case of a young innocent black male being murdered at the hands of those that have sworn to protect and serve. I would appreciate it if this matter is addressed swiftly and appropriately.


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