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# Media Statement From Bobby DiCello, Legal Counsel to Jaemiir McElroy, Following Vicious Attack by Canton Police

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"The family of Jaemiir McElroy are sickened by the senseless and cruel acts of violence that Jaemiir endured on Saturday.

It should not be lost on anyone that after officers attacked him and hospitalized him, they issued charges which find no support in the video. One of those charges, resisting arrest, is not justified by the video: Jaemiir is on his knees with his hands in the air when he is kicked in the head by an officer who charges at him.

The family is resolved to get justice for Jaemiir. It is time for the City of Canton to wake up and realize that its police department is attacking its own citizens and treating them as enemy combatants rather than citizens.

We remain committed to holding these officers accountable."

—Bobby DiCello, attorney for Jaemiir McElroy

### **About Bobby DiCello**

Bobby DiCello, a nationally renowned trial lawyer who has earned multimillion-dollar verdicts, devotes himself to gaining justice for people whose lives have been destroyed by the powerful and the reckless. He is currently representing the Akron family of Jayland Walker, who was killed by police officers from the City of Akron, and the Canton families of James Williams and Zachary Fornash, who were killed by police officers from the City of Canton. A former prosecutor, Bobby champions systemic change and is a pioneer in trial science. His accomplishments in the courtroom have been recognized by outlets such as ABC News, for whom he provided ongoing, real-time analysis on the landmark civil rights trial in its series, The Death of George Floyd – Derek Chauvin on Trial. In 2021, Public Justice, a national legal advocacy organization, recognized Bobby with its prestigious Trial Lawyers of the Year award for his work on the landmark Black v. Hicks case. Mr. Arnold Black was a victim of appalling brutality and corruption in the City of East Cleveland, Ohio. Bobby tried Black's case to a jury that awarded a record \$50 million—a verdict sustained by the U.S. Supreme Court.

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## Media Statement for Michael Donnell Jones on behalf of Bobby DiCello and the DiCello Levitt Team

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"The children of Michael Donnell Jones had a private viewing of the video which showed the last, tragic moments of Michael's life, and were devastated by what they saw. They struggle to understand why the officers leapt into the truck, why they then tased him, and why they shot him, especially when Michael made no threats toward them of any kind.

It appears the officers tased Michael and shot him, causing him to lose control of the vehicle.

Michael's children were most impacted by Michael's last moments as he was dragged out of the truck and appeared to brace himself as he was thrown onto the pavement where he died.

Michael's children are committed to getting justice for Michael, and they urge the City of Akron to hold the officers accountable."

—Bobby DiCello, attorney for Michael Donnell Jones and his children

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