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## **Greater Indianapolis NAACP Statement on Police-Engaged Shootings in Our Community**

INDIANAPOLIS — May 7, 2020 — Last night, the Greater Indianapolis NAACP learned of two police-action shootings that resulted in the death of two men on the Northwest side of Indianapolis. In response, Greater Indianapolis NAACP Branch President Chrystal Ratcliffe released the following statement:

“Our hearts this morning are with the families who lost loved ones during these tragic events. All of us are trying to make a new normal in an un-normal time. Incidents like these do not help restore normalcy to our community.

“We’re aware of some facts from the Facebook Live video. However, the NAACP will monitor and review additional facts as the investigations proceed and then determine whether it warrants any actions by our organization.

“We ask the community to allow the process to proceed, as we monitor the various investigative units that will uncover the facts. If you believe you have relevant information, we ask you to provide it to investigators.

“We urge the community to stay calm. Additionally, we urge people not to gather in large groups to protest. With COVID-19 rampant in our community and the lack of sufficient testing and testing sites, we know that large gatherings will lead to more deaths in our community. We urge you to take to social media to express your feelings and find communities of like-minded people in a safe way.”

**About NAACP:** The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the nation's oldest, largest and most widely recognized civil rights organization. Our mission is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.