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NAACP Statement on Grand Jury Decision in Dreasjon Reed Case

INDIANAPOLIS — November 10, 2020 — Chrystal Ratcliffe, President of the Greater Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP, issued the following statement today in response to the grand jury decision not to indict police involved in the shooting death of Dreasjon Reed:

"The Greater Indianapolis Branch of the NAACP asks for peace in the community as Special Prosecutor Rosemary Khoury and the grand jury concludes the Reed investigation by issuing no charges. We, like Prosecutor Khoury, believe there are no winners in this tragic circumstance. The Branch appreciates the transparency of the investigation and giving the community as close to a full disclosure as permitted by the law.

"The NAACP has long-standing experience with issues involving police use of force. We need an ongoing dialogue that continues to reimagine policing within the greater Indianapolis community. The task may seem daunting, but we feel Indianapolis will rise to meet the challenge.

"We appeal to community members who wish to express themselves to do so in a peaceful manner and not engage in detrimental conduct which undermines our cause. By remaining peaceful, the overall message of respect and transparency in policing will not get lost.

"Again, our hearts are with Dreasjon Reed's family, the IMPD family and the Indianapolis community as we begin to move forward in the healing process."

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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.