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Hon. Jeffrey A. Manning, President Judge Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County 325 Allegheny County Courthouse 436 Grant Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219

**Dear Hon. Manning:** 

It has come to the attention of the Black Political Empowerment **Project (B-PEP) that East Pittsburgh police officer Michael Rosfeld,** who was charged by District Attorney Stephen A. Zappala, Jr. on Wednesday June 27, 2018 with Criminal Homicide, was released on a signature bond of \$250,000.00, which was later altered to include home electronic monitoring. While we appreciate the addition of the home monitoring, it is the position of the Black Political **Empowerment Project that officer Michael Rosfeld, who had just** been on the job only hours or less before he took the life of an unarmed 17 year old African American male, Antwon Michael Rose, II, does not deserve any special privilege! It is our understanding that the normal procedure in such matters where one is charged with homicide they are *not* given the opportunity to go home, but instead are remanded immediately to jail. We believe that under the Pennsylvania constitution one is not entitled to bond if charged with a crime where the maximum sentence is life imprisonment. We therefore urge you to *immediately* revoke the bail of officer Rosfeld.

We also feel that taking such appropriate action will help diffuse the very tense and emotional climate we are all experiencing throughout Allegheny County.

We look forward to your acceptance of our request.

Sincerely,

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