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MINISTERS, COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, ORGANIZERS AND CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND AN EMERGENCY MOTION FOR BOND FOR ERIC JOHNSON

When: Wednesday September 9, 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

Where: Courtroom 8A before Judge Goger at 185 Central Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

Why: BECAUSE ERIC NEEDS OUR PRAYERS & A RUSH TO JUDGEMENT THAT COULD RUIN THIS MAN'S LIFE IS UNACCEPTABLE!

THE TRUTH

A, son, brother, and honor student has been unjustly jailed. Without paying any attention to the available facts, Eric Johnson's case was immediately indicted. On August 17, 2009, Antoine Wimes and Donovan McCoy were allegedly involved in the shooting of "Nikki" Neely and seriously injuring her 10-month-old baby in a home invasion. This was arguably one of the most heinous attacks in recent history. On August 18, 2009, after seeing the news reports of the attack, Eric Johnson called 911 and reported to police that he had "given a ride" to the suspects earlier in the evening. Eric Johnson gave a statement to Officer Cor edela Byars. He stated that he had no knowledge of the intent of Antoine Wimes and Donovan McCoy. Eric reported that after dropping off Antoine Wimes and Donovan McCoy in the area of where the incident occurred that he went home. Eric has alibi witnesses that can confirm that he was not in the area at the time of the incident. Additionally, an independent witness, Anne Bonylan, reported to police that she saw Antoine Wimes and Donovan McCoy in the area at 7:30 p.m. She did not see or identify Eric Johnson as being with Wimes or McCoy. Further, the initial police report indicates that Donovan McCoy stated that he and Antoine Wimes were "dropped off". Police were dispatched for the shooting at 8:40 p.m. on August 17, 2009.

THE INJUSTICE

Eric Johnson called the police in an effort to help with the investigation. Despite Eric stating he was no where around the crime scene during the time it allegedly took place, independent witness Anne Bonylan statement that she saw Antoine Wimes and Donovan McCoy and not Eric Johnson and Donovan McCoy himself saying that he and Antoine Wimes were "dropped off," Eric was still arrested, jailed and his case indicted!

THE CALL TO ACTION

We are calling Community activists, organizers, and citizens interested in justice to attend an Emergency Motion for Bond for Eric Johnson on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. We will be in Courtroom 8A before Judge Goger at 185 Central Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. "Our concern is that while we want the people responsible for this terrible attack to be held responsible we don't want an innocent young man's life ruined because we didn't look at the facts" said Reverend Derrick Rice, pastor of Sankofa United Church of Christ. "We want concerned citizens to hear the facts before this young man has to go to trial."