

VIA EMAIL

August 7, 2023

Honorable Mayor Barbara Buffaloe
City of Columbia
701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO 65205

Re: Demand immediate release of the video from the August 4, 2023 fatal police shooting of Marquis Rivera in Columbia, Missouri at the Landing Complex and names of the police officers who killed our son

Dear Honorable Mayor Barbara Buffaloe,

On Friday, August 3, 2023, our 22 year-old son Marquis Rivera was shot and killed by officers from the Columbia, Missouri Police Department (“CPD”). And now from the shadow of his absence, we are reaching out to you to ask for your help, as our family tries to come to terms with Marquis’ death at the hands of officers of your city's police force.

If you have even the smallest amount of compassion for our family and this tragic shooting, please arrange for us to immediately view any video evidence related to this incident, including the body cam, dash cam and any third party videos of the last minutes of Marquis’ life. Given our son was suffering from some type of mental health crisis and called the police for help, we would also like to listen to the audio recordings of the phone calls between your dispatch operators and our son. Lastly, we are requesting a copy of the police report. While it is our understanding that this investigation has been turned over to the Missouri State Highway Patrol’s Division of Drug and Crime Control, we deserve the opportunity to privately view this evidence.

We will be in Columbia, Missouri on Monday, August 7th and will be going to the medical examiner's office to obtain the release of our son's body.

You may reach us through our attorney, Andrew M. Stroth, Action Injury Law Group, 191 North Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, IL 60606. His telephone number is (844) 878 4529 and his email is: astroth@actioninjurylawgroup.com.

Sincerely,

Katuischia Penette and Ralph Edwards
Mother and Father of Marquis Rivera

cc: Mr. Matt Stephens, Interim Chief of Police
Mr. Lance Bolinger Assistant Chief of Police
Ms. Toni Messina, Communications and Outreach Director
Mr. Christian Tabak, Public Information Specialist
Ms. Nancy Thompson, City Counselor
Corporal Nathan Shinkle, Division of Drug & Crime Control