



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

CLERGY AND COMMUNITY COME TOGETHER TO CALL FOR END TO POLICE VIOLENCE IN GREENSBORO & TO FIRE POLICE CHIEF WAYNE SCOTT

- RALLY AT GOVERNMENT PLAZA - 4:30 PM - MONDAY APRIL 1, 2019
- SPEAK OUT AT COUNCIL TOWN HALL – 5:30 PM - APRIL 1, 2019
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ON APRIL 1, 2019, the family of Marcus Deon Smith - a man hogtied and killed by Greensboro Police in September 2018 - will join the North Carolina NAACP, Beloved Community Center, Greensboro Pulpit Forum, the #JusticeforMarcusSmith Coalition and community members who have signed a letter calling for the Greensboro City Council to take immediate action to reform the culture of violence and cover-ups that have plagued the Greensboro Police Department for decades.

Organizers from the [#JusticeforMarcusSmith](#) Coalition have canvassed neighborhoods throughout Greensboro and set up an online [petition](#) calling for the immediate firing of Police Chief Wayne Scott. The [online petition](#) was distributed through [PushBlack](#), a nonprofit dedicated to raising up black voices and fighting for criminal justice reform. Together, they have collected **over 100,000 signatures** calling for the firing of Police Chief Wayne Scott.

A rally is set for 4:30 PM on April 1 at Government Plaza at 110 S Greene St, Greensboro, NC 27401 (outside of Greensboro City Hall).

Following the rally, Greensboro City Council will host its monthly ‘Town Hall’ meeting (300 E Washington Street, Greensboro, NC 27401) where organizers are encouraging community members to speak out for accountability and justice for Marcus Smith. The council will receive the letter and petition to fire Chief Scott.

Marcus Deon Smith’s death was declared a [homicide](#) by The State Medical Examiner’s Office. Following his death, Police Chief Wayne Scott issued multiple false statements, some of which Mayor Nancy Vaughan has described as [“obviously that was a lie.”](#) Neither the officers involved, nor Chief Scott have been held accountable for the homicide death, violating departmental policy or lying about the incident.

You can watch a video of the incident here **CONTENT/TRIGGER WARNING:** This video shows intense violence and neglect on the part of Police and EMT personnel against an unarmed & nonviolent black male.

Link to Video: <https://youtu.be/anQUNUgQN-c>

OFFICERS INVOLVED IN THE HOMICIDE DEATH OF MARCUS DEON SMITH – SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

Officer Name	Rank	Salary
Robert R. Duncan	Police Officer I	\$41,301
Jordan D. Bailey	Police Officer II	\$48,255
Michael L. Montalvo	Police Officer III	\$69,970
Lee A. Andrews	Police Officer III	\$53,175
Justin C. Payne	Police Officer III	\$51,967
Alfred G. Lewis III	Police Officer III	\$51,967
Douglas A. Strader	Corporal	\$59,737
Christopher S. Bradshaw	Sergeant	\$68,717
Wayne Scott*	Chief	\$164,544

*Not present during homicide - issued false statements afterwards and released officers back to patrol.

#JusticeforMarcusSmith

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