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STATEMENT ON THE ARREST OF JANET IRVIN
Advocates call for the arrest of all persons of interest

LAFAYETTE, LA (February 9, 2021) — In the book of Amos it says, “but let justice roll down like mighty waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” Today, justice has come in a powerful way. We have known all along that we would not stop until justice was obtained for Quawan Charles. The arrest of Janet Irvin is an indication that change is coming to Louisiana. Though in our eyes it took entirely too long, it is an indication that, when we work together in the pursuit of justice, we win.

“Today is a starting point, but this is a marathon and not a sprint. Now we must mobilize to change laws that protect against these sorts of atrocities. We must pass legislation that protects children, and laws that reform police accountability. Our organization, and the Charles family, is committed to putting forth a package of legislation that protects children, our community, and our state,” said Jamal Taylor, Co-Founder of Stand Black.

Our journey toward justice and reform must respect all people and today is just a starting point toward reform. We will continue to advocate so that all people have a right to seek justice and demand accountability. We look forward to continuing the fight until we obtain the arrest and thoughtful conviction of all parties involved in the death of Quawan Charles.

We ask that you continue to stand and have your voices heard, for it is in this standing that we give the subconscious permission for others to stand with us.

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