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**ELLIS FAMILY PRESS RELEASE**

On March 3, 2020 our brother Manuel “Manny” Ellis was murdered by officers of the Tacoma Police Department. 1,294 days have passed and the trial of 3 of the killers is finally set to begin in Pierce County, Washington. Our hope is that today, September 18, 2023, will help mark a turning point in the history of our country in favor of truth and justice.

We believe that Manny was tortured to death, and before his body had even turned cold the Tacoma police began their campaign to slander their victim and obstruct justice. Powerful people have supported them at every step of the way. We reject the shameful efforts to demonize our loved one and to try and make him seem like some kind of monster. Manny was a talented musician and he was great with kids. He was funny and friendly with everyone he met. Manny loved God and attended Last Days Ministries. He was a regular guy who laughed watching The Office and loved watching the Seahawks play. Manny was a source of joy for many around him. He was not perfect but none of us are.

A police badge should not be seen as a license to commit human rights violations. Manny’s last words were “I can’t breathe sir!” and the officers’ response was “shut the fuck up!” NO ONE deserves to be treated the way those men treated Manny on March 3, 2020, hogtied in the street and begging for his life. Murder is not justified because the victim suffered from mental problems or substance abuse. For too long our country has looked the other way when bad police officers abuse their power and completely disrespect human life. Government officials have long been complicit in ensuring a climate of ZERO accountability for police misconduct. This cannot stand.

No one in this country should feel safe if armed government agents believe they are above the law and can kill innocent people with impunity.

Please respect the privacy of our family in the months that come. We are still grieving and all we can hope for now is that justice will be done.

**/s/ Monet Carter-Mixon**  
**Monet Carter-Mixon (Manny's sister)**

**/s/ Matthew Ellis**  
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