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Ms. Amy Klobuchar
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RE: My son Courtney Williams - criminal prosecution

Dear Ms. Klobuchar:

I am the mother of Courtney Williams, who was shot by Minneapolis Police. I have been talking with Charlie Adams at the Minneapolis Police Homicide Unit, and he has said to me that this case will be sent to the prosecutors, and that changes are it would go to the grand jury. Why does it have to be sent to a grand jury? If a black man was accused of shooting a police officer, would you send that to a grand jury? As far as I am concerned, the grand jury is a way of hiding that the prosecutor is not giving the full information of guilt to the grand jury. I want this process out in the open, where everyone can observe it and make sure that it is fair to my son.

I know that your Office has confirmed that there is no legal requirement that this case be sent to the grand jury, unless you are asking for a charge of first degree murder. Are you going to ask for first degree murder? If not, then don't send this case to the grand jury. Prosecute this man, and make that decision yourself, and then be accountable to the people for it.

I know that there is significant evidence in this case that this was no accident. I need you to be on the side of the People, and not the Police. Do you think that your Office has a conflict of interest, because you work so closely with the Minneapolis Police? If you do keep this case, if you are the ones making the decision, then I need to know that the decision you make will not be influenced by your ongoing relationship with the Minneapolis Police. Please respond in writing.

Sincerely,



Tahisha Williams Brewer