

STATEMENT FROM THE **BLACK LIVES MATTER** ON CHARLES' POLICE SHOOTING

Charleston's **Episcopal A.M.E. Church**, which has steeped its history in the incredible history of resistance to slavery, will be known as the site of an unspeakable and tragic act. We also bear in our hearts the loss of its

We are reminded today that while our attention has been focused on increasing state and police violence against Black people, resist, militant. We must raise the hard truth that our collective responsibility for the implementation of our reform initiatives lies with us, not with the state or the church.

Whether its the murder of four schoolgirls in Birmingham, Alabama in 1958, the shooting of a 6-year-old Tamir Rice by Cleveland police officers, or the killing of a 17-year-old Black man, our communities continue to suffer the effects of many strains of violence. The death of a young Black man, a victim of police violence, must come as a small comfort to the families of those killed. We know we cannot

Therefore, as a movement we must say what our friends will not say. This was an act of terrorism intended to strike fear into the hearts of Black communities at a time when we bravely

We continue to fight for a world that values Black life in all its forms and especially those

SIGNED,  
The Movement for Black Lives Team, including:

- Ferguson Action
- Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100)
- Movement for Black Lives
- ColorOfChange.org
- Project South
- Ohio State University
- Baltimore United for Change
- Leaders of Our Community
- Concerned Citizens for Justice

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