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### **Statement on the Shooting Death of Daunte Wright**

The Minnesota Alliance on Crime (MAC) is saddened and angered by the death of Daunte Wright, who was shot and killed by Officer Kim Potter of the Brooklyn Center Police Department during a traffic stop on Sunday, April 11, 2021.

Mr. Wright's mother, Katie Wright, described her 20-year-old son as a loving person with a big heart. "He had a 2-year-old son that's not going to be able to play basketball with him. He had sisters and brothers that he loved so much," Ms. Wright said on *Good Morning America* on Tuesday. "He just had his whole life taken away from him. We had our hearts pulled out of our chests. He was my baby."

MAC reaffirms our core values and envisions a society free from violence and victimization:

- We oppose the use of all forms of violence and affirm the basic human right of every person to live without fear or the threat of victimization throughout the course of one's life.
- We stand in solidarity with efforts around our state, nation, and the world to end all forms of discrimination, exploitation, victimization, and violence.
- We recognize that forms of oppression based on race, gender, class, ethnicity, nationality, immigration status, disability, age, religion, and sexual orientation create a climate of supremacy and ownership that facilitates the use of ongoing violence and victimization

Mr. Wright's tragic death is yet another example of the precarity of life for Black and Brown Minnesotans, especially when they come into contact with law enforcement.

MAC calls on agencies investigating the actions of the officers involved to ensure accountability. We urge our member programs throughout Minnesota to stand together in calling for a fair and equitable public safety system so that we do not have to mourn yet another tragic death of our Black and Brown neighbors, friends, family, and community members killed by law enforcement.