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Alton Sterling, Philando Castile, Dallas law enforcement, Baton Rouge law enforcement, and now Charles Kinsey; what do these names have in common? All persons shot in the past few weeks and each being tied to a ground swell of anger and unrest in communities across the nation.

We acknowledge that the videos that have been released in the civilian related incidences are indeed shocking. Unfortunately, incidences like these are occurring far too frequently and contributing to a rapid decline in public confidence in our nation

As prosecutors, we understand that there must be a belief in the order of law by all parties. The citizenry cannot lose faith in the police that protect them. Conversely, the police cannot lose trust in the citizens whom they are sworn to protect. Once that faith is lost, society crumbles.

We offer our sincerest condolences to the families of the fallen and wounded civilians as well as the many brave and heroic officers.

NBPA President William Jordan states “We see things in court on a daily basis that would break every day citizens. It is in the abyss of human suffering that we learn to confront life’s challenges. Now we must use our honed skills as guardians of justice to lend comfort to our communities, families, friends and even the system itself by continuing to build trust.”

However, the NBPA continues to ask that people remain patient and prayerful in all cases. We ask that you resist the urge to rush to judgment as the details unfold remaining faithful in our system of justice as we continue to make our way through this very difficult time.

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