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KRISTINA MYERS' STATEMENT ON SHOOTING DEATH OF HER UNARMED HUSBAND, \$3.5M SETTLEMENT, EVENTS IN MINNEAPOLIS

"There is nothing in this world that could ever replace my husband. I'd give anything to have my husband back, for my children to have their father, and for Steven's family to have him once again. But with this settlement, Steven's name will finally be cleared. This horrible chapter of our lives will finally come to a close, and our children can find their new normal.

As the world saw, the body camera video and audio showed that Steven complied with the officers' orders. That should have been enough, but my husband was brutally killed nevertheless. Steven was a beloved son, uncle, brother, husband and friend. Most importantly, he was the proud father of our three children. He loved our Red Hills and was proud to call Barber County home. We will forever cherish his memory.

Last weekend the world watched the horrific video of Minneapolis police killing George Floyd, a man who didn't deserve to die. Our hearts go out to Mr. Floyd's family and friends, as well as all Americans affected by police violence. Tragically, this is happening all over the United States - innocent people are dying. We must expect more from our law enforcement officials at every level. The good and honest officers must stop protecting the bad officers. If they don't, they should be held accountable, as well.

I understand the Minneapolis Police Department fired the four officers involved in killing Mr. Floyd. My family is still waiting for action to be taken in regard to the officer who shot my husband. The shooter is still certified as a law enforcement officer in Kansas, despite our repeated requests that Kansas CPOST revoke the shooter's certification.

Our family will be working at the local level to help repair the relationship between the citizens of our county and local law enforcement. It's now up to our elected officials to use their voices to speak out against police brutality and help end it. Our elected officials need to quit funding this sort of behavior. It's time our entire country gets back to 'Justice for All.' Law enforcement and elected officials must be held to the highest standard... higher than even the people they represent."