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— Joseph Sugarman



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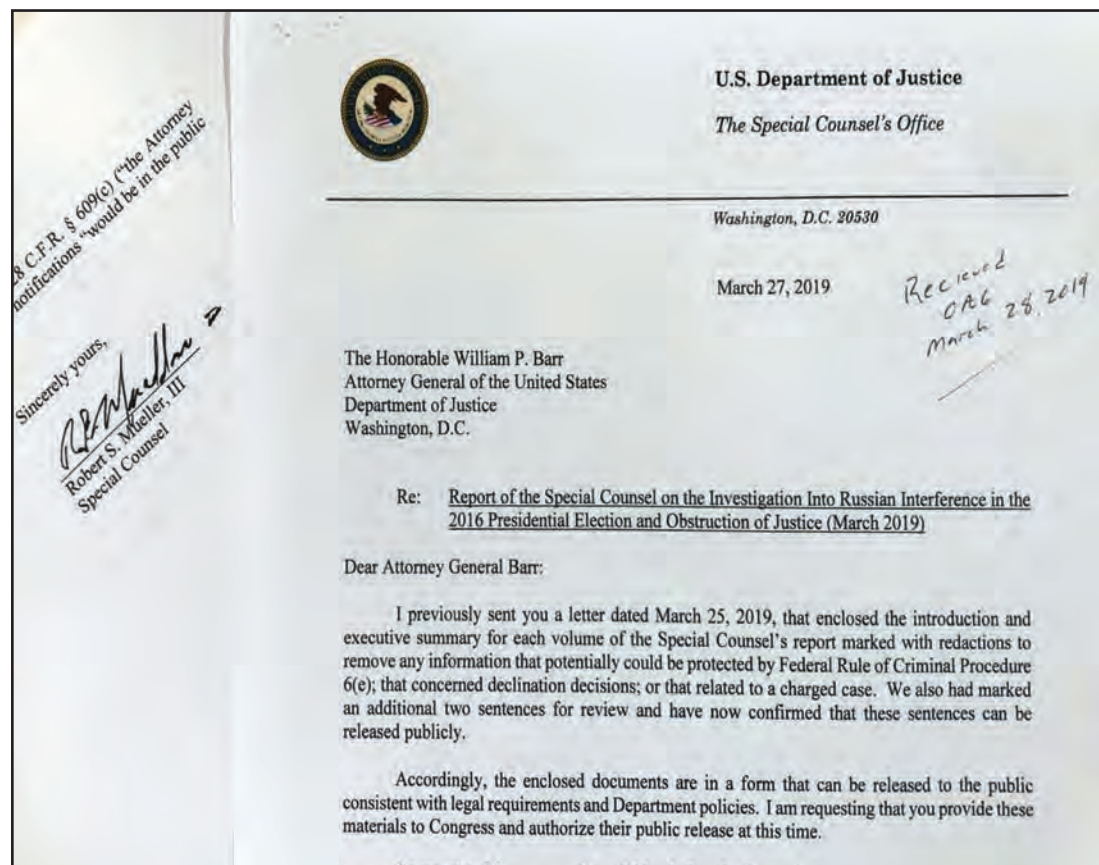
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Text of special counsel's letter to attorney general



The letter special counsel Robert Mueller sent to Attorney General William Barr on March 27, 2019 in Washington. (AP Photo/Wayne Partlow)

Text of a letter, dated March 27 and made available Wednesday by members of Congress and the Justice Department, from special counsel Robert Mueller to Attorney General William Barr, on Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election and obstruction of justice. In the letter, Mueller expressed frustration to Barr about how the attorney general was portraying the investigation's findings:

I previously sent you a letter dated March 25, 2019, that enclosed the introduction and executive summary for each volume of the Special Counsel's report marked with redactions to remove any information that potentially could be protected by Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure that concerned declination decisions; or that related to a charged case. We also had marked an additional two sentences for review and have now confirmed that these sentences can be released publicly.

Accordingly, the enclosed documents are in a form that can be released to the public consistent with legal requirements and Department policies. I am requesting that you provide these materials to Congress and authorize their public release at this time.

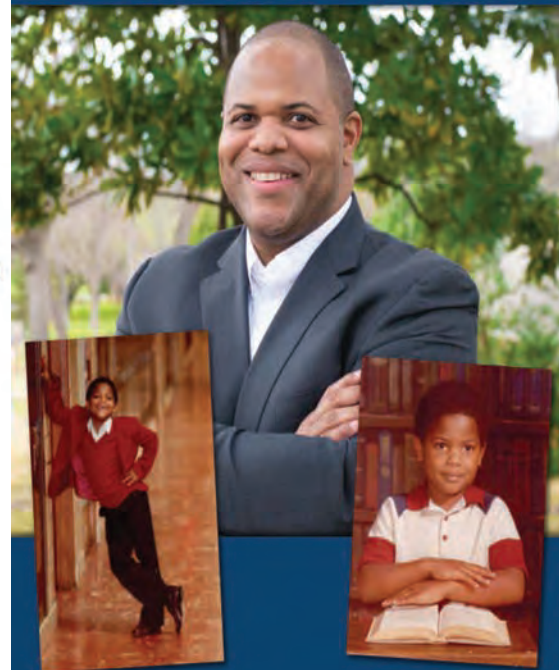
As we stated in our meeting of March 5 and reiterated to the Department early in the afternoon of March 24, the introductions and executive summaries of our two-volume report accurately summarize this Office's work and conclusions. The summary letter the Department sent to Congress and released to the public late in the afternoon of March 24 did not fully capture the context, nature, and substance of this Office's work and conclusions. We communicated that concern to the Department on the morning of March 25. There is new public confusion about critical aspects of the results of our investigation.

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ERIC JOHNSON A DALLAS STORY



"I've always worked hard to be a leader who brings people together to get results for Dallas. That's what I want to do for our city's future — for every family in every neighborhood."

— ERIC JOHNSON

ERIC JOHNSON FOR DALLAS MAYOR

Eric Johnson's Story is a Dallas Story.

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Eric returned home to Dallas and became our hometown champion. Since 2010, Eric has represented East, West, and South Dallas — one of Texas' most diverse districts — in the Legislature where he's proven to be a champion for education and making our streets and neighborhoods safer for families.

Eric is running to be the next Mayor of Dallas. He's ready to use his experience and leadership skills to build a future full of opportunity for every Dallas family, in every neighborhood.

Prairie View A&M Breaks Ground on Student Housing Project



Right — Left; Rev. Charles Lewter, IV, Corey S. Bradford, Ruth J. Simmons, Maduforo Eze, John Sharp, Tim E. Sams, James Wilhelm

seven state agencies, the Texas A&M System educates more than 153,000 students and makes more than 22 million additional educational contacts through service and outreach programs each year. System-wide, research and development expenditures exceeded \$996 million in FY 2017 and helped drive the state's economy.

Prairie View, Texas — The Texas A&M System and Prairie View A&M University on Monday broke ground on student housing that will address a growing need for housing because of recent enrollment increases.

Phase IX of campus housing, which will open by Fall 2020, will add 164 units with 520 beds, bringing Prairie View close to its goal of providing 5,000 beds on campus.

Chancellor John Sharp noted that enrollment has been increasing with the arrival of Dr. Ruth Simmons, a nationally known academic leader and former president and administrator at several Ivy League schools. The 2018 fall enrollment was 9,516 — up from 8,762 in 2016.

"What a great problem to have," said Chancellor Sharp of Dr. Simmons' appeal to young people.

He also noted the Board of Regents' commitment to Prairie View University:

- Since 2010 the Board has increased funding from the Available University Fund by almost 80 percent to foster excellence in the classroom.

- The Regents also approved \$247 million from the Permanent University Fund for construction projects and several Chancellor Research Initiative awards to recruit top faculty.

"I have always said this is the prettiest campus in Texas," Chancellor Sharp said. "And now there is a real momentum building here."

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Congresswoman Johnson Committee Statement During Hearing on Emerging Technologies in Plastics Recycling

DALLAS, TX – Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson, Chairwoman of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee, today made the following statement during a hearing held by the Subcommittee on Research and Technology on “Closing the Loop: Emerging Technologies in Plastics Recycling”:

“Good Afternoon, and thank you, Madam Chairwoman for holding this hearing. I want to thank you and the Ranking Member for putting together this panel to draw attention to this important issue. Welcome also to our witnesses and thank you all for being here with us today.

“Plastics have become fundamental to almost all aspects of our lives, from food storage to 3-D printing technology, and have enabled us to make great technological advances. With this progress, however, comes a cost. Some estimates suggest that Americans dispose of 22 million tons of products that could have been recycled every year. We produce far more plastic than we can properly recycle, domestically and internationally.

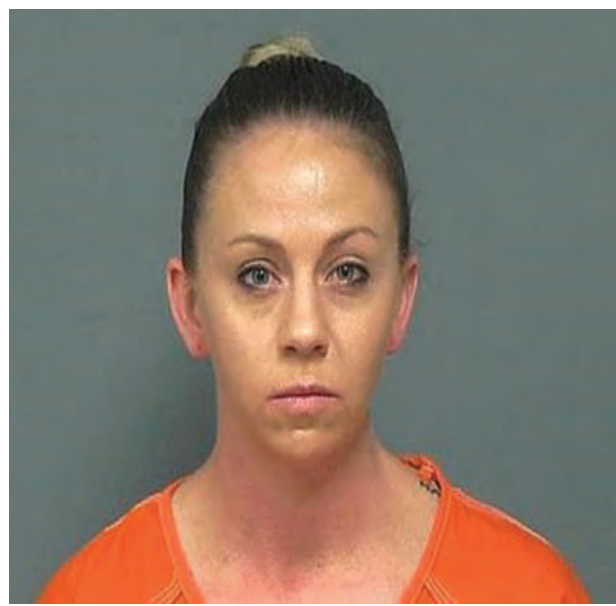
“The extent of plastics pollution is becoming ever more apparent and more alarming. Just last week, a study found that over 90% of the river flood plains in Switzerland, a country with one of the highest recycling rates in the world, were contaminated with microplastics. It is not just mountains and soil which are subject to plastics contamination. We have all seen pictures of large masses of plastics floating in the oceans and washing up on beaches around the world. A study in 2015 estimated that 8 million metric tons of plastic end up in the ocean every year. By some estimates, by mid-century, the oceans will contain more plastic waste than fish, ton-for-ton. While there is little research to date, we should be very concerned about the impact on human health of all of this microplastic in our environment and our food chain.

“Complicating this challenge is China’s ban on most imported recyclables. Too many American communities are facing tough decisions about whether they will need to cut back on what they recycle or even whether they can recycle at all.

“The news is not all bleak, however. There are a number of promising new technologies and innovations across all steps of the recycling pathway from collection to repurposing. These technologies are being developed through collaborations that span the lifecycle of the material and include both public and private partners. The goals of these efforts are to increase the efficiency and availability of recycling, repurpose more recycled plastics into high value products, and ultimately, reduce the impact on the environment and human health. These are important efforts with a critical role for many of our Federal science agencies, as we will hear today.

“In conclusion, I want to echo a comment by Chairwoman Stevens. As we look to improve recycling technologies, we must step up our efforts to reduce and reuse plastics through better technology and smarter incentives and policies. I look forward to today’s discussion and I yield back.”

Dallas officer tells 911: ‘I thought it was my apartment’



By JAKE BLEIBERG and JILL BLEED

DALLAS (AP) — The former Dallas police officer who fatally shot an unarmed black man in his own home told a 911 dispatcher “I thought it was my apartment” nearly 20 times as she waited for emergency responders to arrive, according to a recording of the call obtained by a Dallas TV station.

“I’m an off-duty officer. I thought I was in my apartment and I shot a guy thinking he was, thinking it was my apartment,” Amber Guyger said in the Sept. 6 recording obtained by WFAA .

Guyger, who is white, is charged in the killing of Botham Jean and is set to go to trial later this year. She has said she entered Jean’s apartment, thinking it was her own, and fatally shot him. The department fired her in the weeks following the shooting.

On the call, Guyger can be heard apologizing to Jean, who was a 26-year-old native of the Caribbean island of St. Lucia who worked in Dallas for an accounting and consulting firm.

WFAA hasn’t said how it obtained the recording.

Dallas police did not authorize the audio’s release and the department has opened an internal affairs investigation into the matter, said Senior Cpl. Melinda Gutierrez. The department again declined to provide the recording to The Associated Press in response to a public records request, saying Tuesday it is exempt as part of an ongoing criminal case. A spokeswoman for the Dallas County District Attorney’s office and one of Guyger’s lawyers, Toby Shook, declined to comment, citing a judge’s gag order in the case.

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Ex-Texas A&M football player found guilty of murder



This file photo provided by the Dallas County Sheriff’s Office shows Thomas Johnson. The former Texas A&M football player is being tried for the killing of a jogger police say was hacked to death with a machete in 2015. Johnson’s murder trial began Monday, April 29, 2019, after years of litigation over whether the 25-year old former wide receiver is mentally competent to be tried for the killing of David Stevens. (Dallas County Sheriff’s Office via AP)



In this Nov. 10, 2012, file photo, Texas A&M wide receiver Thomas Johnson (8) carries for extra yardage after a reception during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Ala. The former Texas A&M football player has arrived in court to be tried for the killing of a jogger police say was hacked to death with a machete in 2015. Johnson’s murder trial began Monday, April 29, 2019, after years of litigation over whether the 25-year old former wide receiver is mentally competent to be tried for the killing of David Stevens. (AP Photo/Dave Martin, File)

DALLAS (AP) — A former Texas A&M football player accused of hacking a Dallas jogger to death with a machete in 2015 has been convicted of murder.

A Dallas County jury swiftly returned a guilty verdict Tuesday in Thomas Johnson’s trial in the killing of David Stevens after the former wide receiver’s legal defense declined to call a single witness.

Johnson was accused of waiting on a trail in East Dallas four years ago and attacking the 53-year-old mechanical engineer as he ran by. Prosecutors have said the 25-year-old Johnson confessed to the seemingly random killing and that DNA evidence also pointed to his guilt.



Why care about mental health?

Parkland providers say there are millions of reasons

DALLAS – Mental illness can affect anyone at any time. Young, old, rich, poor, male, female, one in five of us will experience a mental health issue in any given year.

During Mental Health Awareness Month in May, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is pointing to the theme of this year’s observance: “Why care?” Mental health professionals at Parkland Health & Hospital System say there are millions of reasons why mental health matters deeply to them – and why the rest of us should also care:

- 1 in 5 adults in the U.S. lives with a mental health condition.
- 1 in 17 adults in the U.S. lives with a serious mental illness.
- 60 million people in the U.S face the day-to-day reality of living with a mental illness.
- Nearly 1 million Texas adults have a serious mental illness.
- About 220,000 Texas veterans have a mental health condition.
- Each year, about one-half million children and adolescents in Texas experience a serious emotional disturbance.
- 90% of those who die by suicide have an underlying mental illness. Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S., but suicide is preventable.

Mental health disorders include psychotic disorders like schizophrenia; mood disorders like depression and bipolar disorder; personality disorders; post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD); substance use; anxiety and eating disorders, among others. “In Dallas, we’re experiencing a behavioral health crisis,” said Celeste Johnson, DNP, APRN, PMH CNS, Vice President of Behavioral Health at Parkland. “North Texas has lost close to 500 inpatient psychiatric beds in the last year while at the same time area hospitals have seen a spike in patients with behavioral healthcare needs in our emergency rooms. These patients are the most vulnerable in our community, are primarily indigent and have no

other resources.”

Nevertheless, Dr. Johnson said, providing appropriate care can change lives. “The best treatments for serious mental illnesses are highly effective. Between 70 and 90% of individuals have significant reduction of symptoms and improved quality of life with the right treatments and supports. These can include medications, therapy or counseling, and other treatment modalities that can help people lead healthier lives.”

For most people, a mental health condition isn’t the result of one event. Parkland lead psychologist Rebecca Corona, PhD, said, “Research suggests multiple, linking causes. Genetics, environment, biochemical processes and lifestyle influence whether someone develops a mental health condition. Stressful situations at home or work can make a person more susceptible, as do traumatic life events.”

Dr. Corona and a team of mental health counselors provide outpatient services to thousands of patients annually at Parkland’s Community Oriented Primary Care health centers (COPC). Mental health counselor Litza Bodden, LPC, works with patients in Parkland’s women’s mental health program. Bodden says that helping women let go of the stigma of mental health issues and focus on self-care are important steps in therapy.

“More than 10% of women experience postpartum depression, which can range from sadness to severe depression,” Bodden said. “It’s vital for women and their partners, as well as other family members, to understand that asking for help from a mental health professional is okay. Mental illness should not be stigmatized, any more than a physical ailment. There are many taboos and myths still surrounding mental illness, but through education we can erase the feelings of shame and fear that prevent many women from seeking treatment.”

In 2015, Parkland became the first health system in the nation to

administer a universal suicide screening program to identify persons at risk and help save lives through early intervention. The program screens not only adults but also youth, ages 10 to 17, regardless of their reason for seeking care. Since initiating the program, more than 2.3 million suicide risk screenings have been completed with patients in the Emergency Department, Urgent Care Center, inpatient units and COPC health centers.

According to Kimberly Roaten, PhD, Director of Quality for Safety, Education and Implementation, Department of Psychiatry at Parkland and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at UT Southwestern Medical Center, “There’s a myth that asking someone if they are thinking about hurting themselves will somehow make them feel worse or encourage them to hurt themselves. In fact, the opposite is true. Research has shown that asking kids and adults about suicide does not increase risk and instead lets the person know that you are concerned and may decrease risk. Understanding how someone is feeling is the best way to start helping.”

According to NAMI data, half of all lifetime mental health conditions begin by age 14 and 75% by age 24, and early intervention programs can help. If you have a mental health condition, you’re not alone. As with other illnesses, mental illness is not your fault. With proper treatment, symptoms can be dramatically reduced and many people with mental health conditions can and do succeed in leading active, fulfilling lives.

Showing that you care is the first step toward helping someone with a mental health condition, Dr. Roaten said. “Most people who are depressed or suicidal will benefit from being asked about their feelings. By simply showing concern, we are probably saving lives.”

For more information about Parkland mental health services, visit www.parklandhospital.com.

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Crump, NAACP, NNPA to Demonstrate after Police Brutality Incident in Florida



“We need to make sure we convey the message that the only crime committed on that day was not from the young man, the black children that were there, but from the two deputies and the way they manhandled those kids,” said local NAACP President Marsha Ellison.

By Stacy M. Brown, NNPA Newswire Correspondent

The Broward County Chapter of the NAACP will lead a march and rally to demand the termination and criminal prosecution of two Florida sheriff deputies who were caught on video punching a 15-year-old African American student and repeatedly slamming the child’s head against concrete pavement.

The weekend rally – a peaceful demonstration – will include the teen’s attorney, famed civil rights lawyer Benjamin Crump, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., Westside Gazette Publisher Bobby Henry and Broward County NAACP leaders.

“We cannot become desensitized to the brutality visited upon our young black men and women,” said Chavis, who’s also a civil rights activist who worked under Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

“In addition to reporting news, the NNPA, a trade association representing the 215 African American newspapers and media companies around the country, is also a voice for civil rights,” Chavis said.

Further, as the trusted source for news and information in the African American community, the

NNPA should be at the forefront in informing its readers about all that affects them, Henry said.

“It’s important for us to remember where we came from and this is galvanizing and communicating on a level where we are all involved and this is such an important issue,” said Henry. “We need to realize that this concerns us, and we should not wait for the white media to tell us about our community and when something happens, they should be coming to us for that information,” he said.

Delucca “Lucca” Rolle, a student at J.P. Taravella High School, was accused of aggravated assault against an officer, but the charge made “no sense,” prosecutors said.

A cell phone video captured Broward County Sheriff’s deputies pepper-spraying, tackling and punching a group of teens last week outside a McDonald’s near the school. The video shows deputies take Rolle down, with one deputy banging Rolle’s forehead into the pavement and punching him in the head, while another deputy helped restrain and handcuff him.

Rolle, one of two teens who were arrested, reportedly suffered a broken nose in the encounter.

Deputy Christopher Krickovich and Sgt. Greg

LaCerra were both suspended by the Sheriff’s office after the video was released, though, originally, they were placed on restricted assignment.

The Broward State Attorney’s Office said it has begun investigating the deputies’ actions and prosecutors decided not to file charges against Rolle.

Rolle’s family also has hired Crump, who said he wants the deputies involved to face criminal charges.

Crump noted that the two arrested teens are black, while all three deputies seen in the cellphone video are white.

“Rolle was a teen beaten by deputies after he picked up a cellphone that fell out of the pocket of a black boy who was being arrested,” Crump said.

“In response, the deputies “pepper-sprayed, brutally beat, and arrested him,” said Crump, who represented the family of Michael Brown, a 17-year-old African-American, who was shot and killed by police in Ferguson, Mo.

Crump also represented the family of Trayvon Martin, who in 2012 was killed by George Zimmerman, a white neighborhood watch volunteer in Sanford, Fla.

The encounter between Rolle and the deputies happened outside McDonald’s, a frequent after-school

hangout spot.

At one point, Krickovich and LaCerra went to arrest a student — not Rolle — who had been warned not to trespass at the shopping center, according to a Sheriff’s report.

Crump said “Starting now, we will seek justice through every avenue possible for Lucca and his family. The actions on the video by the officers against Delucca are unconscionable.”

The hashtag #JusticeForLucca has been trending on Twitter.

Rolle’s supporters plan a peaceful rally Saturday afternoon at Hampton Pines Park in North Lauderdale, with attendees encouraged to wear red. Rolle was wearing a red shirt on the day of his arrest.

“We need to make sure we convey the message that the only crime committed on that day was not from the young man, the black children that were there, but from the two deputies and the way they manhandled those kids,” said local NAACP President Marsha Ellison.

“Police brutality and what we consider child abuse will not be tolerated, certainly with our kids who are equally as important as those in other communities,” Ellison said.

She’s also calling for the termination and prosecution of the deputies.

“We want the sheriff to hold them accountable and for them to be terminated, meaning they don’t have the opportunity to do this to anyone else while in a [sheriff’s] uniform,” Ellison said.

“We are wary of the state Attorney’s Office in their investigation. It could be one year sometimes two and they’ll try and wait until this dies down and close the case,” she said. “That’s not good enough. A suspension is not good enough. These children are traumatized, emotionally damaged. The 2020 election is coming where we get to choose a new sheriff and new states Attorney. We’re tired of this. Enough is enough.”

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Text of special counsel's letter to attorney general

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This threatens to undermine a central purpose for which the Department appointed the Special Counsel: to assure full public confidence in the outcome of the investigations. See Department of Justice, Press Release (May 17, 2017).

While we understand that the Department is reviewing the full report to determine what is appropriate for public release — a process that our Office is working with you to complete — that process need not delay release of the enclosed materials. Release at this time would alleviate the

misunderstandings that have arisen and would answer congressional and public questions about the nature and outcome of our investigation. It would also accord with the standard for public release of notifications to Congress cited in your letter. See 28 C.F.R. 609(c) (“the Attorney

General may determine that public release” of congressional notifications “would be in the public interest.”).

Sincerely yours,

Robert S. Mueller, III

Special Counsel

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Jussie Smollett will not return to 'Empire' for next season

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fox Entertainment said Tuesday that Jussie Smollett will not return to his series "Empire" next season in the wake of allegations by Chicago officials the actor lied about a racially motivated attack.

"By mutual agreement, the studio has negotiated an extension to Jussie Smollett's option for season six, but at this time there are no plans for the character of Jamal to return to 'Empire,'" the studio said in a statement that gave no reasoning was given for the decision.

Fox announced earlier Tuesday that the drama about a hip-hop record label and the fiery family behind it had been renewed for a sixth season.

A Smollett representative released a statement to several media outlets suggesting a hope that he may eventually return.

Texas stops sharing death row inmate's final statements

By PAUL J. WEBER

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas prison officials on Tuesday abruptly halted the practice of sharing death row inmate's final written statements after a lawmaker expressed outrage over the state relaying the last words of an avowed racist executed for the 1998 dragging death of a black man, James Byrd Jr.

It marks the second recent change to execution-day procedures in the nation's busiest death chamber. Earlier this month, Texas also stopped letting clergy inside after the U.S. Supreme Court blocked the execution of a man who wanted his Buddhist spiritual adviser with him.

Death penalty opponents criticized the back-to-back changes, saying they underscore a need for more oversight in decision making surrounding executions in Texas, where a fourth person this year is set to die by lethal injection Thursday.

State Sen. John Whitmire had chastised prison officials Monday for reading John William King's final written statement last week after he was executed for Byrd's killing.

"If a death row inmate has something to say to the public or victims, let him or her say it when they are strapped to the gurney," Whitmire wrote in a letter to prison officials.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice swiftly responded, and within 24 hours told Whitmire it would change the policy to only publicly relay verbal comments made in the execution chamber. Any written statements by the condemned will now be "inventoried with their belongings" after they are executed, said Bryan Collier, the agency's executive director.

King, who was white, said "no" when asked by a warden in the death chamber on April 25 whether he had any last words before being executed. Afterward, prison officials

released a statement prepared by King: "Capital punishment: them without the capital get the punishment."

Cosby Seeks Bail and Recusal of Judge for Failing to File Mandated Appeal Document

By Stacy M. Brown/NNPA Newswire

Bill Cosby has filed a bail application and wants the judge in his criminal trial to be removed for hindering his appeal.

Cosby and his team of attorneys said Montgomery County Judge Steven T. O'Neill "Continues to show his disgust and prejudice" toward Cosby by purposely denying Cosby the right to file his appeal.

Cosby said the judge has refused to issue his legally mandated opinion, which outlines why he felt strongly in sentencing Cosby to three to ten years and to place him — an 81-year-old, blind military veteran — in a level 5 maximum security prison.

"This judge took an oath. I believe to be fair and impartial, which grants him the authority to perform all of the duties detailed in the Constitution," Cosby said in a statement issued by his publicist Andrew Wyatt.

"I don't know [under] what Constitutional rock this judge resides, because his refusal to write an opinion, reveals that he's complicit in the corruption against me, and that he's an accessory to the incestuous behavior that resides in Montgomery County," Cosby said.

Based on Pennsylvania rule 1925(a), "upon receipt of the notice of appeal, the judge who entered the order giving rise to the notice of appeal [appealed from], if the reasons for the order do not already appear of record, shall immediately file of record at least a brief statement, in the form of an opinion, of the reasons for the order, or for the rulings or other errors [matters] complained of, or shall specify in writing the specific place in the record where such reasons may be found."

The law further states that:

"If the appeal is based upon an order or ruling issued by a judge that was not the judge at trial, the trial judge may request that the judge who made the interim ruling draft a statement in accordance with the standards above to explain the reasons for his or her decision."

Cosby, who is serving a three- to 10-year sentence after being convicted last year of aggravated indecent assault, filed his appeal briefs in December but O'Neill still hasn't responded.

O'Neill's actions are not without precedent, legal experts told NNPA Newswire.

"Lawless judges are one of the biggest problems in the United States of America," said Detroit and Silicon Valley attorney Mark Foster.

"The rules require the trial judge to write an opinion and make sure that the certified record is sent to the Superior Court within sixty days, but unfortunately, this almost

never happens," said Pennsylvania attorney Zak Goldstein.

Even in less complex cases, it is not uncommon for a judge to miss this deadline by months or even years, Goldstein said.

"Eventually, the Superior Court will send a notice of delinquent record to the trial judge to remind the judge of the deadline, but this notice does not involve any kind of sanction," he said.

With that, the scales of justice are a bit skewed. If Cosby were to have missed his deadline, the entire appeal could be dismissed, but there is typically no penalty for a judge who misses the deadline, Goldstein said.

"If the delay becomes really egregious, an attorney could file a motion in the Superior Court asking that court to direct the trial judge to file an opinion," Goldstein said.

"The court will usually grant that motion if the delay has really been significant," he said, adding that he's never seen a judge who has failed to comply.

On April 17, the Superior Court did file a notice to O'Neill regarding the delinquent record. Cosby has asked for bail because of the trial judge's delay.

"Often when judges do not perform tasks [that] they should, such as issue timely rulings, lawyers may file for a Writ of Mandamus which is a request for another judge to order the judge to perform the act or do what he or she should," said Atlanta-based attorney Randy Kessler.

"I imagine there are various remedies including the appellate courts making a ruling without the input from the trial judge and simply making whatever inferences they deem appropriate, likely giving the Defendant the benefit of the doubt which is an integral part of our criminal justice system, given the failure of the trial judge to submit the information," said Kessler, who stressed that he isn't licensed to practice in Pennsylvania.

Cosby is asking that O'Neill be removed immediately and that he's granted bail throughout the appeals process because of what his team called O'Neill's "racial hatred toward Cosby that clouds his better judgement to be a good steward of the bench."

"O'Neill's dishonorable conduct makes me smile, because this judge is being exposed, and it shows that this is bigger than me," Cosby said.

"O'Neill now has his formula: tried, true and tested to destroy any Black Man and/or Colored Man in America. I'm just so happy, because this guy is proving my innocence. And guess what else. America is finally getting to witness the truth," he said.

If O'Neill never writes an opinion, the Superior Court could proceed anyway, Goldstein said.

"I am not surprised that the judge in the Cosby case did not meet the sixty day deadline given the large number of complicated issues involved, and I would expect the defense attorneys to give the judge some time before filing anything because it is a complicated appeal," Goldstein said.

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Ruiz Jr. replaces Miller as opponent for Anthony Joshua



NEW YORK (AP) — Andy Ruiz Jr. will look to become Mexico's first heavyweight champion after replacing Jarrell Miller as the opponent for unbeaten WBA, IBF and WBO titleholder Anthony Joshua.

Miller was withdrawn from the June 1 fight at Madison Square Garden after doping violations.

The 29-year-old Ruiz Jr., who is based in California, gets his second shot at a world title, having lost on points to then-WBO champion Joseph Parker in December 2016.

That is his only loss in 33 professional fights. His last fight was 10 days ago, when he forced the fifth-round stoppage of Alexander Dimitrenko.

Joshua has a 22-0 record, with 21 knockouts. He hasn't fought since beating Alexander Povetkin at Wembley Stadium in September, and is boxing for the first time in the United States.

"Similar styles, big and strong, very good with his punch selection and it's still going to go ahead at MSG on June 1," Joshua said of Ruiz Jr.

"This is the next best shot — who else is there? If anyone could name anyone who was better, then I was all ears. But when we looked at the scope of who was available, this was the next best one."

Ruiz said Joshua's fighting style was "like a robot."

"I think with my style, my speed, my movement, I don't think he's fought anybody like me," Ruiz Jr. said. "When I do pull out this win, everything is going to change. It's going to mean everything."

Joshua also has called for more stringent regulations for boxers who fail doping tests, saying the "random six-month ban" handed to Miller isn't enough of a deterrent.

"If I carry a weapon of destruction, I'm going to get a certain amount of time in jail, so you know (the consequences of what will happen)," Joshua told Britain's Press Association from his training base in Sheffield, England. "It's like, 'Why did he only get six months?' It should be, 'Miller's definitely getting this.' That's my opinion on it."

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Dallas officer tells 911: 'I thought it was my apartment'

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Guyger sounds frantic during the nearly six-minute call, saying "I'm gonna lose my job" and "I am going to need a supervisor." At one point, she seems to question how she ended up in Jean's apartment and says, "I'm so tired." The call ends as police officers arrive and Guyger tells them, "No, it's me. I'm off duty, I'm off duty."

Attorney Daryl Washington, who is representing Jean's family, noted that Guyger did not tell the operator she was afraid of Jean or that she thought he was an intruder.

"There was nothing in that video or the recording where she ever indicated she thought Botham was trying to harm her," Washington told WFAA. "She was very fast to shoot without asking very many questions."

Lawyers unconnected to the case say that the 911 recording could be potential trial evidence that Guyger genuinely believed she was in her own apartment, but that alone is not exculpatory.

Prosecutors will grill Guyger on how and why she mistook Jean's fourth floor apartment for her own on the third floor, said Heath Harris, a criminal defense lawyer and former first assistant district attorney for Dallas County. Guyger's defense will largely hang on whether she can persuade a jury that it was a reasonable mistake, he said.

"This is going to all come down to the jury selection," said Harris. "She's going to have to testify and make that jury believe her."

The intense public attention on Guyger's case might create difficulty finding impartial jurors in Dallas. But the release of the 911 recording is not, unto itself, reason for a venue change, said John Helms, a Texas criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor.

In lower profile cases it's not uncommon for 911 calls to become public before trial. And with so much media coverage of Guyger's case those paying closest attention will likely hear what they want in the recording, Helms said.

"I don't know how many minds it's going to change because most people who are interested have already formed an opinion," he said. "I don't know if it's going to change public opinion."



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John Singleton, maker of 'Boyz N the Hood,' dies at 51



By JAKE COYLE and HILLEL ITALIE

NEW YORK (AP) — Director John Singleton, who made one of Hollywood’s most memorable debuts with the Oscar-nominated “Boyz N the Hood” and continued over the following decades to probe the lives of black communities in his native Los Angeles and beyond, has died. He was 51.

Singleton’s family said Monday that he died in Los Angeles, surrounded by family and friends, after being taken off life support. Earlier this month, the director suffered a major stroke.

Singleton was in his early 20s, just out of the University of Southern California’s School of Cinematic Arts, when he wrote, directed and produced “Boyz N the Hood.” Based on Singleton’s upbringing and shot in his old neighborhood, the low-budget production starred Cuba Gooding Jr. and Ice Cube and centered on three friends in South Central Los Angeles, where college aspirations competed with the pressures of gang life. “Boyz N the Hood” was a critical and commercial hit, given a 20-minute standing ovation at the Cannes Film Festival and praised as a groundbreaking extension of rap to the big screen, a realistic and compassionate take on race, class, peer pressure and family. Singleton would later call it a “rap album on film.”

For many, the 1991 release captured the explosive mood in Los Angeles in the months following the videotaped police beating of Rodney King. “Boyz N the Hood” also came out at a time when, thanks to the efforts to Spike Lee and others, black films were starting to get made by Hollywood after a long absence.

Singleton became the first black director to receive an Academy Award nomination, an honor he would say was compensation for the academy’s snubbing Lee and “Do the Right Thing” two years earlier, and was nominated for best screenplay. (“Thelma & Louise” won instead.) At 24, he was also the youngest director nominee in Oscar history.

“I think I was living this film before I ever thought about making it,” Singleton told Vice in 2016. “As I started to think about what I wanted to do with my life, and cinema became an option, it was just natural that this was probably gonna be my first film. In fact, when I applied to USC film school they had a thing that asked you to write three ideas for films. And one of them was called ‘Summer of ‘84,’ which was about growing up in South Central LA.”

In 2002, “Boyz N the Hood” was added to the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress, which called it “an innovative look at life and the tough choices present for kids growing up in South Central Los Angeles.”

Singleton’s death Monday followed a turbulent week during which his family members made opposing court filings regarding his health. Singleton had been in intensive care in a Los Angeles hospital since he had a stroke on April 17. A court filing last week by his mother, Shelia Ward, requested she be appointed Singleton’s temporary conservator to make medical and financial decisions while he was incapacitated.

Ward’s filing said that Singleton was in a coma. But on Friday, Singleton’s daughter Cleopatra Singleton, 19, filed a declaration disputing that account. She maintained that her father was not in a coma and that doctors did not “have a concrete diagnosis.” She opposed her grandmother becoming conservator, or guardian.

Singleton’s passing prompted widespread praise for a filmmaker who, as his “Shaft” star Samuel L. Jackson said, “blazed the trail for many young film makers,” while “always remaining true to who he was and where he came from.”

Ava DuVernay called him “a giant among us.” Spike Lee said, “We’ll miss you but your films will live on.” Jordan Peele, the Oscar-winning “Get Out” and “Us” filmmaker, called him “a brave artist and a true inspiration.”

“Your love for the black experience was contagious and I would never be the man I am without knowing you,” Ice Cube said in a statement.

None of Singleton’s subsequent movies received the acclaim of “Boyz N the Hood” and he was criticized at times for turning characters into mouthpieces for political and social messages. But he attracted talent ranging from Tupac Shakur to Don Cheadle and explored themes of creative expression (“Poetic Justice”), identity (“Higher Learning”) and the country’s racist past, notably in “Rosewood,” based on a murderous white rampage against a black community in Florida in 1923.

He also made the coming-of-age story “Baby Boy,” a remake of the action film “Shaft” and an installment in the “Fast and Furious” franchise, “2 Fast 2 Furious.” More recent projects included the FX crime drama “Snowfall,” which he helped create. Starring Damson Idris, “Snowfall” returned Singleton to the Los Angeles of his youth and the destructive effects of the rise of crack cocaine.

“Drugs devastated a generation. It gave me something to write about, but I had to survive it first,” Singleton told the Guardian in 2017. “It made me a very angry young man. I didn’t understand why I was so angry, but I wasn’t someone who took my anger and applied it inward. I turned it into being a storyteller. I was on a kamikaze mission to really tell stories from my perspective — an authentic black perspective.”

Singleton was married twice, and had five children. Besides his career in movies, Singleton also directed the memorable, Egyptian-themed video for Michael Jackson’s “Remember the Time,” which included Eddie Murphy and Magic Johnson. He cast hip-hop artists and other musicians in many of his films, including Ice Cube in “Boyz N the Hood,” Janet Jackson and Shakur in “Poetic Justice” and Tyrese Gibson in “Baby Boy.”

Singleton’s early success didn’t shield him from creative conflicts or frustration with Hollywood studios. He blamed the commercial failure of “Rosewood” on lack of support from Warner Bros. He fought with producer Scott Rudin during the making of “Shaft” and was furious when Rudin brought in author/screenwriter Richard Price to revise the script. He had planned to direct a biopic about Shakur, but quit after clashing with Morgan Creek Productions. In 2014, he chastised the industry for “refusing to let African-Americans direct black-themed films,” but Singleton was pleased in recent years by the emergence of Ava DuVernay, Barry Jenkins, Jordan Peele and others.

“There are these stacks of (films by non-black filmmakers) where black people have had to say, ‘OK, at least they tried,’” he told The Hollywood Reporter in 2018, adding that now blacks were making the films themselves. “What’s interesting when you see ‘Black Panther’ is you realize it couldn’t have been directed by anybody else but Ryan Coogler. It’s a great adventure movie and it works on all those different levels as entertainment, but it has this kind of cultural through-line that is so specific that it makes it universal.”

Most recently, Singleton, who regretted turning down the chance to direct on the first season of “The Wire,” turned his focus largely to television. He directed episodes of “The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story” (for which he was nominated for an Emmy), “Empire” and “Billions.” He co-created and executive produced “Snowfall,” directing three episodes.

“There’s hardly any precedent for a guy like me to have the career that I’ve had,” Singleton told Variety in 2017. “Because I grew up the way I grew up, I’m an in-your-face kind of guy. I developed that as a defense mechanism to survive in the streets. I do that in Hollywood in the service of my passion.”

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