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**OIPM Statement on Plea Agreement re: the Death of Wendell Allen**

Wendell Allen's death was tragic for everyone involved. I hope that today's events bring the Allen and Colclough Families and this entire community some sense of closure and that justice has been served. We thank the Allen Family, the community, the NOPD, the District Attorney, and media for their efforts to bring this matter to light. We thank Officer Colclough and his family for accepting responsibility in this matter and enable the Allen Family to have a measure of justice. We feel gratified that we were able to play a role in monitoring the NOPD's investigation.

However, we have a great deal more work to do. Now that the criminal case is closed, we still have to review the rest of the involved officers, their supervisors, tactics, training and planning. We do this important work, not only to hold responsible parties accountable, but also for prevention. We need to pinpoint the systemic issues that lead to unauthorized force to prevent these sorts of mistakes from being made in the future.

I have realized today the importance of my office's role. The people of New Orleans asked us to be here for incidents like this one. I left the courthouse today with renewed commitment to my mandates and clarity that any political obstacles I face mean very little in the face of young lives being lost.

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