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Chicago Aldermanic Black Caucus Demands Legislative Accountability and Policy Changes- Addressing CPD's Misconduct Against Anjanette Young

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Words cannot express the outrage we as Black residents of the City of Chicago feel upon hearing of another tragic incident suffered by our sister, Anjanette Young, at the hands of the Chicago Police Department.

Almost two years ago, CPD erroneously entered Ms. Young's home when serving a warrant that was issued for her next-door neighbor. As CPD body camera footage clearly shows, when the police broke into her apartment, Ms. Young had just undressed, and was forced to stand naked and terrified for nearly an hour while more than seven CPD officers brandished their guns and ransacked her home – despite her telling the officers **43 times** they had the wrong address.

Chicago Police have raided the homes of families on the South and West sides with impunity for far too long. To watch the half-hour CBS documentary, Unwarranted, and to see case after case of these errors and their impact, is heart wrenching.

"13 locations, primarily on the South and West sides, but the one that truly hit home to me was to see a 3-year-old, young Davianna, speak about how a gun was pointed at her head and to see her mother slammed to the wall" said CABC Chairman Jason Ervin. "It reminded me of my own 4-year-old daughter, Jeneva, and the trauma these types of acts cause for children; specifically, children in our community."

The City of Chicago, Cook County Criminal Justice System, and the State of Illinois must put policies in place to stop these erroneous and illegal actions from continuing, and to finally hold everyone to the highest standards of oversight and accountability.

"We made some changes, but that hasn't been enough. No more talk about reform, it's time for action; bold action" said 5th Ward Alderman Leslie Hairston.

In order to accomplish this, members of the CABC are demanding the following:

- Abolishing the practice of issuing warrants based solely upon the use of paid informants.
- Keeping a database of reliability of sources used for search warrants, to see patterns of erroneous information.
- A standardized process for search warrant applications, states attorney review, judicial sign off, and post execution results.
- Changing the City's policy on the release of video footage. As under current rules, the release of video for this type of incident is NOT to be released, per the policy; and this must change.
- Passage of Civilian Oversight measures for the Chicago Police Department
- Finally, the establishment of a City Council Committee on Litigation Review and Risk Management to provide oversight and review of our Risk Management, Litigation Strategy, and Settlement practices.

The Chicago Alderman Black Caucus has called for a joint hearing between the Committees on Public Safety and Health and Human Relations that will be held on tomorrow, Tuesday, December 22nd at 11am to begin the legislative process to make the necessary policy changes.

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