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**NAACP: Ingham County Prosecutor's Decision Disappointing  
No Charges for LPD's Excessive Force Arrest**

Local NAACP Denounces tactics used in November's Baker Street Arrest

LANSING – The Lansing Branch NAACP is disappointed in Ingham County Prosecutor Carol Siemon's decision today to not to file charges against Lansing Police officers who used excessive force during an arrest incident on November 10, 2020 on Baker Street in Lansing. During the arrest, media footage showed police officers atop of a 25-year-old African-American man. While atop of the suspect, officers restrained him while they simultaneously delivered strikes to his body.

“Unfortunately, this is another case where an African American man's civil rights and human rights appeared to have been violated but the local legal system failed to recognize that,” said Dale Copedge, President of the NAACP Lansing Branch. “The Lansing Branch NAACP vehemently denounces these excessive force tactics. The video is disturbing and in the wake of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Jacob Blake and many other tragic encounters amongst police and black and brown communities, it is imperative to have police reform.”

The Lansing Branch NAACP acknowledges that the man who was under arrest was not charged. The Branch also recognizes that Lansing Police Department is conducting an internal affairs investigation. However, the Lansing Branch NAACP views this type of behavior, where the man was struck multiple times in the head, as not only a civil rights violation but also a human rights violation. We are asking the Lansing Police Department to engage in a dialogue regarding the creation and implementation of a robust and comprehensive training on crisis intervention and de-escalation training within its core training of officers. Additionally, we ask that appropriate discipline up to termination be provided to all officers that violate the Lansing Police Department Use of Force policies.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the largest and most pre-eminent civil rights organization in the nation.

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