

MINISTERS, COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS, ORGANIZERS AND CITIZENS ARE ENCOURAGED
ATTEND A HEARING FOR A MOTION TO DISMISS CHARGES AGAINST ERIC
JOHNSON BASED ON PROSECUTORIAL MIS-CONDUCT

When: Monday May 10, 2010 at 2:00PM

Where: Courtroom 8A before Judge John Goger at 185 Central Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia

Why: Because Eric is innocent and there is absolutely no evidence that ties him to these heinous crimes

THE TRUTH

A son, brother, and honor student was unjustly jailed and is now being prosecuted for no reason other than he is a young, Black man. Without paying any attention to the available facts, Eric Johnson's case was immediately indicted and is now being unnecessarily prosecuted.

On August 17, 2009, Antoine Wimes and Donavan McCoy were allegedly involved in the shooting of "Nikki" Neely and seriously injuring her 10-month-old baby in a home invasion. This was arguably one of the most heinous attacks in recent history. On August 18, 2009, after seeing the news reports of the attack, Eric Johnson called 911 and reported to police that he had "given a ride" to the suspects earlier in the evening. Eric Johnson gave a statement to Officer Corelinda Byars. He stated that he had no knowledge of the intent of Antoine Wimes and Donavan McCoy. Eric reported that after dropping off Antoine Wimes and Donavan McCoy in the area of where the incident occurred that he went home. Eric has alibi witnesses that can confirm that he was not in the area at the time of the incident.

Additionally, an independent witness, Virginia Anne Bonyan, reported to police that she picked up Antoine Wimes and Donavan McCoy and gave them rides before and after the crimes were allegedly committed. She did not see or identify Eric Johnson as being with Wimes or McCoy. Further, the initial police report indicates Donavan McCoy stated that he and Antoine Wimes were "dropped off".

THE INJUSTICE

Eric Johnson called the police in an effort to help with the investigation. Despite Eric stating he was no where around the crime scene during the time it allegedly took place, independent witness Virginia Anne Boynton stating that she saw Antoine Wimes and Donavan McCoy and not Eric Johnson and that Donavan McCoy himself saying that he and Antoine Wimes were "dropped off," Eric was still arrested, jailed, his case indicted and he's now being prosecuted! At an emergency bond hearing on September 10, 2009, Judge John Goger decided the state did not present evidence to prove Eric Johnson would be a danger to the community and granted a \$50,000 bond. The judge's comments and decision as well as the Fulton County Police Department's investigation notwithstanding, the Chattahoochee Hills Police Department has continued to selectively pursue prosecution.

THE CALL TO ACTION

Attorney Mawuli Davis of the Davis Bozeman Law Firm has filed a motion that is not often filed on behalf of Eric. "We believe this motion is absolutely necessary and appropriate. It is our hope that after hearing how indistinguishable Eric's role is from the role Virginia Bonyan played, that the court will finally end the prosecution of Eric Johnson on Monday and his promising life will no longer hang in the balance" said Attorney Davis.

"We want concerned citizens to let Judge Goger know we won't allow our young Black Men to be railroaded in the criminal injustice system."

"I learned we must continually look back, in order to look forward, and we must draw samples from our revolutionary past, in order to exist in the world of tomorrow." - John Henrik Clarke

Rev. Derrick Rice, M. Div. Pastor, Sankofa United Church of Christ