

October 19, 2016

Dear Mayor Jennifer Roberts,

I am writing this letter to let you know as our City Leader how disappointed I am in your leadership. You have a lot of work to do to regain the trust of the community. As our elected official my family no longer feel confident in you as our mayor. My hope is that you will continue to bridge the gap between you, CMPD and the community.

I am very disturbed as to where Charlotte stands right now after the shooting death of Keith Scott. The result of the events that took place after Keith Scott shooting resulted in protest that same night in the neighborhood where Keith Scott lived. Many residents in the community were very upset.

Because of CMPD action's from the previous night of Keith Scott's shooting, people began to protest. The protest at Marshall Park was a peaceful protest on Wednesday September 21. As the protesters moved to downtown Charlotte things turned ugly. My nephew Justin Carr was one of the peaceful protesters. Justin felt compelled to join the protesters in Marshall Park that moved to downtown Charlotte.

During the protest something went wrong. Justin was fatally shot, put on life support and later died from his injury. Justin and all the other protesters was supposed to be under the watchful eye of Charlotte CMPD, that did not happen. Someone with a gun with wrong intentions was in the midst of the peaceful protesters. The media called individual's destroying property protesters. They were not protestors they were people looking for an opportunity to commit a crime. This was not the reason Justin decided to stop on his way to work, he was there in peace. No matter how anyone may feel about the protest, we can all agree that "not caring" about the demonstrators' grievances is not an acceptable option.

Justin's mother and the family are truly heartbroken. Our hearts are really heavy and we are trying to make sense of this and it is really hard. We are searching for answers. But with Gods help giving us strength we will get through this one day at a time. We are trying to heal and patiently wait on the birth of Justin's only child to be born in a couple of weeks.

My sister, Justin's mother Vivian received your sympathy card and we thank you for that.

My family and I will continue to live our life in Peace and not Pieces and get Justice for Justin.

Sincerely,

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