Asian Americans Advancing Justice Condemns Grand Jury’s Failure to Bring Charges Against Darren Wilson in Michael Brown Shooting Death

Atlanta, GA, November 26, 2014 — In response to today’s announcement that the grand jury in Ferguson, MO, has decided not to indict officer Darren Wilson, Asian Americans Advancing Justice issues the following statement:

As civil rights organizations, we fight daily for racial justice for all communities of color. And as Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders whose community members have also experienced police brutality and discrimination Asian Americans Advancing Justice condemns the grand jury’s failure to bring charges against officer Darren Wilson in the shooting death of Michael Brown.

We are saddened and angry that yet again, there will be no accountability for the fatal shooting of an African American by law enforcement. Michael Brown’s death is just one of many fatal shootings of African Americans by police officers around the nation. These deaths show us that the racial profiling and violence that African Americans experience runs deep and happens because of systemic failures.

We urge the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate racial profiling, excessive force and officer-involved shooting policies and practices in the Ferguson Police Department. We need answers and justice for Michael Brown’s death.

We will work with African Americans and other impacted communities to hold our leaders accountable and to ensure the motto of “to serve and protect” rings true for all of our communities.

About Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta

Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta (formerly Asian American Legal Advocacy Center or AALAC) is the first non-profit law center dedicated to Asian immigrants and refugees (“Asian Americans”) in the Southeast.

Our goal is to engage, educate and empower under-represented Asian Americans to greater civic participation.

We are one of five independent organizations that make up the national Asian Americans Advancing Justice. Together with our affiliates in Chicago, DC, Los Angeles and San Francisco, we bring more than 100 years of collective experience in addressing the civil rights issues faced by Asian Americans and other vulnerable and underserved communities. Visit www.advancingjustice-atlanta.org.