"What I Do Know"- by Dr. Matthew Fogg / Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal, ret.

Thank you, Ms. Alanta Scott, and your entire family, for allowing me to speak today on this tragic death of your 22-year-old son named Alaunte.

First, I honor my Mighty GOD, Jehovah Jireh, that Bright and Morning Star — Jesus The Christ. May the words of my mouth and meditations in my heart be acceptable in thy sight - Oh Lord, You are My Strength and My Redeemer Amen.

Some will say this is not the time to say what I will say, but I know Ms. Scott agrees with me that there is no better time than now to speak truth to power over <u>Alaunte's death</u>. I know he would appreciate our advocacy on his silent behalf.

Yes, I am a retired Chief Deputy United States, Marshal. My condolences to you and your entire family and from, an estimated 10,000 Black U.S. Marshal Service members in an unresolved Black Class Action Complaint that I represent and filed in 1994 against the United States Marshals Service and the United States Department of Justice.

I truly wish we were not standing here today for the Federal law enforcement homicide of Alaunte Scott. But as life and fate would have it — we are here today.

I'm not here to discuss what happened on February 28th, because I believe as Dr. King once said, "Truth Pressed Down Will Forever Rise To Surface."

What I do know, we will soon know what happened by the video evidence from many camera eye-witnesses at the location of his death.

What I do know, your son was killed by deputy U.S. Marshals and colleagues of my esteemed 30-year career in a federal law enforcement agency - that when I was an active deputy U.S. Marshal and today, are known as <u>Bigots With Badges</u>, and U.S. Marshal Service Officials did nothing to correct the systemic racism.

What I do know, a bigot with a badge can be White, Black, Brown, Asian, Jew, religious or any other ethnicity and they fabricate charges, lie on official documents and in court, use excessive force, target, profile, shoot, and kill people simply because of their race and other dislikes, end of story!

What I do know, I filed a (Black) Class Action Complaint in 1994, alleging systemic racial discord and retaliation in a White managed Federal law enforcement system that treated Black Marshals differently simply because Black lives didn't matter, and nothing was done to correct the racism.

What I do know, the U.S. Marshals Service and its supervising Agency, the United States Department of Justice, was found by a Federal Jury to be a 'Racial Hostile Environment for all African American Deputy U.S. Marshals' in 1998, two years before Alaunte was born and, a Federal Judge called it "occult racism", and Federal Government Officials did nothing to correct the Jury's Indictment of the U.S. Marshals Service.

What I do know, in 1997, the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) and Chairwoman, the honorable Maxine Waters held an open Hearing on Capitol Hill and summonsed the leadership of each Federal Law Enforcement Agency. It included (Black) deputy U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder for the Department of Justice. We addressed the same systemic racism inside the U.S. Marshal's rank & file that transferred to the streets and exist today, how Bigots With Badges confront the Black public. Yet, nobody did anything to end this systemic racism in law enforcement.

What I do know, William "Bill" Scott, a Black U.S. Marshal Whistleblower, testified at the same CBC Hearing. Bill later died from injuries he suffered in a suspicious automobile "Hit & Run" accident with an unknown assailant. Bill believed he was a target after his official discrimination Complaint, and the U.S. Marshal Service Officials didn't care about his Black life.

What I do know, I stood over Bill's U.S. Marine Core and American flag draped coffin, heavily heartbroken with tears flowing along with his White New York, U.S. Marshals coworker Stephen Zanowic, as we sung, <u>'It's so hard to say goodbye to yesterday.'</u>

What I do know, here we are at the Coffin of a young Black man whose life was cut short by deputy U.S. Marshals and today, we can't believe any statements from a Federal law enforcement Department known as the Justice Integrity Agency heavily inundated with, *Bigots With Badges* in its rank & file for longer than Alaunte has walked this earth.

What I do know, in January this year, just two months before Alaunte's death, I emailed a comprehensive <u>letter to the President</u> of these United States, Mr. Joe Biden and Vice President Mrs. Kamala Harris and cc'd to members of the same Congressional Black Caucus, other Congressional members, the U.S. Department of Justice and many VIPs.

What I do know, I said to each top government official the obvious. That decades of systemic racism in America's Lead Law Enforcement Agency that officially named 12 U.S. Attorney Generals appointed by 7 United States Presidents, is an Eminent Threat to National Security and Public Safety!

What I do know, this culture of racial indifference allows for vigilante street enforcement units known as "Jump-Out" squads with special names that emerge in most police departments nationwide, much like the "Scorpions" in Memphis, TN., the U.S. Marshals "Killer Bees", Los Angeles "Rampart" and many others, over decades that lead to unjustified homicides like Trayvon Martin, George Floyd, Eric Gardner, Tyre Nichol's, Breonna Taylor and numerous other victims killed or abused in the hands of Bigots With Badges. And today, we must all ask is Alaunte Scott another victim of the same, where Black lives don't matter?

What I do know, myself and many other civil rights and social justice groups are <u>planning a Press Conference</u> in front of the Nation's U.S. Department of Justice on Pennsylvania Ave. in Washington, D.C. to call for President Biden and his Administration to end the racial divide and <u>violence in the U.S. Marshals Service</u> and **all** police departments nationwide and implement **Our** solutions to end this decades of abomination in America.

What I do know, the only response I have received from my official notifications, as stated, is to stand here alone as a decorated and brave retired Federal law enforcement Whistleblower at the Homegoing Service of Alaunte Scott because today, Black lives don't matter in Federal law enforcement.

What I do know, nothing tangible has been done by President Biden, Vice President Harris, the CBC, the Department of Justice, the U.S. Marshals Service and the Courts, to end the longest running civil rights litigation in America's history and demand ZERO tolerance to end systemic racism in Federal, State, and municipal law enforcement departments.

What I do know, in closing, Rest in Peace, young Alaunte Scott. America will understand what happened sooner than later. We will see the Salvation of our Mighty GOD as we seek and shall find all the unjustified homicides and thousands of instances of racial misconduct in America's law enforcement departments nationwide.

Alaunta Scott's Obituary Song > Come Ye Disconsolate