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Robert F. Horan, Jr., Commonwealth's Attorney and
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Massey Building
4100 Chain Bridge Road
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

Dear Sirs and Mesdames,

The Board of Directors of Reston Black Focus, Inc. denounces the actions of Officer John Mueller of the Fairfax County Police Department on the night of August 22, 1974, resulting in the death of Felix Roris.

We seriously question the screening, training, and disciplinary policies and procedures of the department which allowed Officer Mueller to 1) remain on duty in the streets of Fairfax County in view of his demonstrated lack of ability to deal reasonably with some segments of our population, and 2) be placed on administrative leave with pay after being clearly responsible for the death of a citizen under exceptionally suspicious circumstances.

We feel that a thorough investigation and speedy resolution of this matter are in order. We also feel that more citizen input concerning the policies, procedures, and operation of the Fairfax County Police Department are necessary if the department is to grow to be an effective law enforcement agency serving to aid and protect all the citizens of Fairfax County.

We appeal to you, our elected representatives, to see that justice is administered swiftly and fairly in this case and to begin working immediately to effect some of the badly needed long-term improvements in our Police Department.

We stand ready to assist you in these endeavors.

Respectfully,

Beverley D. Sharp, President
Reston Black Focus, Inc.