

**DRAFT PRESS RELEASE – MARCH 2023 DATE TBA**

**Topic:** Press Conference on Racial Bias Threat To National Security, Public Safety, Whistleblowers & Black U.S. Marshals Class Action

**Date:** March -- 2023 (March Date TBA)

**Time:** 11:00AM (EST)

**Location:** Main Entrance – U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ) Headquarters  
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**Sponsors:** [Blacks In Government \(BIG\)](#), Heritage Chapter, [Caucus of African American Leaders \(CAAL\)](#), [Government Accountability Project \(GAP\)](#), [Save Our Sons \(SOS\)](#), NAACP, [NoFEAR Institute](#) and many other organizations

**WASHINGTON, D.C. –**

“There is no denying that a fair and equitable resolution of the outrageously long 29year, 10,000-member race-based civil rights class action lawsuit of Matthew Fogg et al. v. Merrick Garland, U.S. Attorney General, for the USDOJ presents a viable solution to rampaging violence on and off camera [in nationwide policing against Black people in communities of color.](#)” (Dr. Matthew Fogg, a retired Chief Deputy from the United States Marshals Service (USMS), [CNN](#) Law Enforcement Analyst, Blacks In Government ([BIG](#)) Chapter President, a member of the [Caucus of African American Leaders](#), and [named Class Complainant.](#))

Represented civil rights groups will hold a press conference in Washington, DC calling on President Biden and Congressional leaders to pass the [George Floyd “Justice In Policing Act”](#) mandating nationwide police reform, [the Law Enforcement “SIGLE Act”](#) that creates [whistleblower protection for police who report rogue colleagues](#) and, for a fair and equitable resolution of the USDOJ/USMS (Black) [Class Action Lawsuit](#).

Carl Snowden, the head of CAAL, said, “**ending racial misconduct against Black people by law enforcement in America starts with the U.S. Department of Justice, which provides funding for many police departments in America.**”

Speakers invited include government [Whistleblowers](#), Congressional [sponsors](#), prominent social justice organizations and leaders, community organizers, clergy, civil rights groups and attorneys. All will demand that systematic racial divide inside the USDOJ/USMS ends with discipline for career officials responsible for [decades of civil rights violations](#), and that investigations of State and municipal Police departments accountable for the unjustified killings and racial profiling of Black and Brown people by police departments across America. “**Tyre Nichols, George Floyd, Eric Gardner and the latest, Darryl Tyreek Williams’ deaths in police custody, along with thousands of other incidents of homicide, excessive force, racial profiling, planting and tampering of evidence, and false arrest for decades, are clear indications that Black lives just don’t matter in America’s top law enforcement agency, that provides funding for most culprit police departments across the country,**” Dr. Fogg added.

Dr. Fogg made his statement above while attending the funeral of Tyree Nichols in Memphis, Tennessee where he spoke briefly with civil rights attorney Benjamin Crump and national Black activists about the need to hold President Biden and lead USDOJ Officials accountable to end 29 years of “Jim Crow” civil rights violations against an estimated 10,000 Black U.S. Marshals and applicants dating back to 1994. The lawsuit cites race (Black) discrimination inside the USMS called [“Bigots With Badges”](#) on the front page of a 1997 New York Post and draws a direct nexus to failed national security and public safety in nationwide racially bias law enforcement procedures.

This is the longest-running litigation in America’s history that has named 12 U.S. Attorney Generals under 7 U.S. Presidents before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, D.C. Dr. Fogg is calling for a settlement of no less than \$700 million due to the [number of victims and longevity of the Class](#) that potentially calls for \$3 billion in Title VII, Civil Rights Compensatory Damages.

Save Our Sons President, Dr. Kimberly Muktarian from Raleigh, North Carolina, said: **“The USDOJ is known as the “Justice Integrity Agency” for the federal government and, as such, set the moral tenor for all state and municipal law enforcement departments. Therefore, decades of documented racism in the USMS, under USDOJ supervision, is confirmation that the USDOJ’s moral compass is broken. This travesty of racial injustice and failed leadership in the USDOJ has sent the wrong message to all police departments all across America to dismiss [equity and inclusion in their operations.](#)”**

During a recent press conference in Raleigh, addressing the Taser death of Darryl Williams by police, Dr. Muktarian asked for Ben Crump’s support for SOS and other groups launching nationwide campaigns for President Biden to order the USDOJ to conduct “Patten and Practice” investigations of police departments that also, relate to gentrification and Mass Incarceration of Black people. In addition, BIG and others are calling for the establishment and government support of a non-profit organization to provide whistleblower protections for any law enforcement officers who expose internal racism in the rank and file also, known as the infamous “Blue Wall of Silence.”

In 1998 a Federal Jury stated the USMS operated *“a working environment that was racially hostile to African American Deputy U.S. Marshals before and after 1991.”* [In 2021, \(93\) ninety-three USMS Class members officially notified the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee leaders](#) to address the Class Action issues during the confirmation hearings of President Biden’s appointee, USMS Director Ronald Davis. [In January 2022, the Washington Post reported](#) on the longevity of the USMS Class Action and reprisals.

The USMS is responsible for working closely with states and municipalities on effective law enforcement joint Task Force investigations to clear the most felony warrants issued in America.

Fogg noted that most police officers know who the **“bad apples”** are among their rank and file and this presents [a constant threat to National Security](#). But, no law Officer wants to deal with the internal retribution [after reporting colleagues who abuse Black and Brown people](#), while being mindful of the suspicious death related to an automobile accident of New York, USMS Inspector William “Bill” Scott, (Black) who blew the whistle in the U.S. Congress, at a [1997 CBC Hearing on race discrimination in the U.S. Marshals Service](#).

Please join the before-mentioned civil rights organizations on **March date TBA** in front of USDOJ to send the message that it is time to address discrimination at USDOJ and the lack of racial equity oversight by USDOJ of State and local law enforcement departments. There is a nexus between discriminatory practices in USDOJ, failed oversight of Federal Law Enforcement departments, the dilatory handling of internal Federal law enforcement discrimination cases, and the continued demise of Black people and others of color at the hands of State and local law enforcement officers. The connection is systemic discrimination in the Federal system that President Biden must urgently address.

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