

# **Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Oppression: We demand the immediate release of Tracy Cole, Taleavia Cole and Jacob Blake, Sr.**

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[Wauwatosa, WI] – The Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (MAARPR) was notified that Tracy and Taleavia Cole, the mother and sister of Alvin Cole, were pulled from their car and arrested shortly after 9:00pm tonight in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. They were protesting DA Chisholm's recent decision not to charge serial killer cop, Joseph Mensah, responsible for the murder of Alvin Cole, as well as the murders of Jay Anderson, Jr. and Antonio Gonzales.

- We demand the immediate release of Tracy and Taleavia Cole, Jacob Blake, Sr. (the father of Jacob Blake, Jr.), and all other protesters arrested following the announcement of DA Chisholm's unjust decision.
- We demand the officers who arrested Tracy Cole, Taleavia Cole and Jacob Blake, Sr. be held accountable for excessive force during the arrest, and investigated for previous uses of excessive force.
- We demand medical expenses for any and all injuries Tracy Cole obtained due to excessive force during the arrest be covered in full by the City of Wauwatosa.

These arrests, along with others made tonight, were clearly targeted. We stand in solidarity with the families of Alvin Cole and Jacob Blake who have to endure police violence affecting their families yet again. We will continue to demand justice for the victims of police crimes without compromise.

MAARPR is a chapter of the National Alliance which was first founded in 1973 in Chicago, Illinois around the campaign to free Angela Davis and all political prisoners. The Milwaukee Alliance was refounded in November 2019 to continue the groundwork laid out by veteran organizers. We demand real police accountability through an all elected Civilian Police Accountability Council (CPAC) establishing community control of the police, and shifting police funding to essential public services like education and healthcare to address the real demands for the safety and well-being of the people.