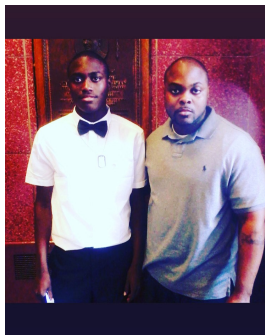




## **Family of Hasani Best and Advocates Demand Release of Videos of Police Homicide**

Hasani Best is City's Second Police Homicide of Man Who Closed Door on Police within One Year

**(Asbury Park – September 10, 2020)** Surviving relatives and advocates are calling for the release of audio and video<sup>1</sup> collected by the Attorney General's Office in the investigation of the police murder of Mr. Hasani Best by Asbury Park Police. Additionally, the signers below are demanding to know the identity of the shooter(s) as well as where and when the Attorney General is planning to convene a grand jury to present evidence. Lastly, the undersigned demand to know if any audio or video is missing because of failure to wear a body camera, failure to turn it on, or any other reason.



Hasani Best (right) and his son Dayvon White (left).

The family is completely distraught and does not deserve to endure anymore anxiety over the loss of their loved one Mr. Hasani Best. To date, family members have received little to no information regarding the final moments of Mr. Hasani's life. Furthermore, in what appears to be an extremely disturbing likeness, Mr. Hasani's murder at the hands of the Asbury Park Police, is the second such killing of an individual who had closed a door on police. On July 23, 2019 police were called to an Asbury Park address. The resident James Manzo closed the door and said he did not need to talk to police. Less than an hour later police entered the apartment and shot him to death.

Enough time has passed to release the videos and other requested information. In a recent case the Attorney General's Office released video of the murder of Maurice Gordon by State Trooper Wetzels, 17 days after Mr. Gordons killing. Today marks 20 days since Mr. Hasani Best was murdered. Additionally, the family should be afforded Victim's Rights meaning they should

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<sup>1</sup> . . . audio or video recordings of the LE Incident, including recordings captured by an officer's body-worn camera ("body-worn footage"), a camera mounted in an officer's patrol vehicle ("dash- cam footage"), a camera embedded in an officer's conductive energy device ("CED footage"); a surveillance or security camera ("surveillance footage"), or a camera or smartphone belonging to witnesses ("witness footage") (collectively, "LE Incident footage").

receive regular updates about the investigation and prosecution of any officers should that take place as per the New Jersey Crime Victims Bill of Rights<sup>2</sup>.

**The undersigned are asking that the information requested be released to the family immediately so that they may view it in private and then release the information the next day to the public.**

**Family Members**

Dayvon White  
Kay White  
Carol Sanders  
Michelle Adams  
Efe Stokes

**Organizations**

Asbury Park Justice for George Floyd Organizing Committee  
Asbury Now  
Black Lives Matter Asbury park  
Black Lives Matter Neptune  
Black Lives Matter South Jersey  
Citizens for Change  
Help Not Handcuffs, Inc.  
Green party of Monmouth  
National Action Network

**Advocates/Asbury Park Residents**

Caitlyn Brown  
Grace Rotundo  
James Curry  
Jeana Sager  
Kason Little  
Pat Fasano  
Randy Thompson  
Seresa Peterson

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.nj.gov/oag/njvictims/rights.html>