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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**MORE FALLOUT FROM THE NORTH MIAMI POLICE SHOOTING OF CHARLES KINSEY, AN UNARMED BLACK MAN WITH HIS HANDS UP**

A lawsuit was filed in Miami on behalf of former City of North Miami Assistant Chief Neal Cuevas, North Miami’s longest serving police officer and the second in command of the department at the time of the shooting. Assistant Chief Cuevas is suing the City of North Miami, City Manager Larry Spring, and Police Chief Larry Juriga for his removal as Assistant Police Chief because of his refusal to participate in lies and deceit in covering up wrongful actions by the City. The lawsuit seeks several million dollars in damages and is based on the retaliation against Neal Cuevas for blowing the whistle on the improper handling of the investigation and the wrongful persecution of Commander Emile Hollant in the aftermath of the Charles Kinsey Shooting. Cuevas has been with the Department for over 40 years.

A press conference will be held at 11:00 in my office, 6625 Miami Lakes Drive East, Suite 316, Miami Lakes, Florida 33014. The lawsuit is attached.

For further information, please call (305) 986-2277.

By way of background, on July 18, 2016, Charles Kinsey, an unarmed black man with his hands up, was shot by a North Miami police officer. Officer Aledda has since been charged with two felony counts of attempted manslaughter and two misdemeanor counts of culpable negligence.

North Miami city officials wrongfully retaliated against the police department’s first Hispanic Assistant Chief, who filed a lawsuit in State Court in his cause to pursue justice.

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