

OBS Statement In Support of Justice For
Cary Ball Jr. and Isaiah Hammett
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Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner announced the charge Friday against Officer Nathaniel Hendren in Thursday's death of Officer Katlyn Alix, stating, "I will hold people accountable regardless of their profession, public status, or station in life.

Gardner is on record saying, "Investigating officer involved shootings is the will of the people who elected her and their voices won't be hushed."

Gardner is right, we won't be hushed, and today, as we have done since April 24, 2013, and June 7, 2017, we are raising our voices loud and clear, publicly in alliance with Cary Ball Jr.'s and Isaiah Hammett's families, demanding justice.

Ball Jr. was gunned down in a hail bullets, shot 22 times by members of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Force. Isaiah Hammett was gunned down in a hail bullets also when members of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Force fired over 100 bullets at him.

Like the family of Officer Katlyn Alix, Cary Ball Jr., and Isaiah Hammett's families want their cases investigated as crimes and officer-involved shootings. We want these officers who gunned these men down held accountable with the same vigor and swiftness as Officer Katlyn Alix's shooter. This is the will of the people.

OBS demands that all officers who have wronged another human being—civilian or non-civilian—be brought to justice in an expeditious manner.

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