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Alaska Oregon Washington State Area Conference

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There will be a Press Conference held at the Benton County Courthouse Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 10:00am 120 NW 4th Street, Corvallis, Oregon

BLACK OSU STUDENT VICTIMIZED BY OREGON STATE POLICE

Corvallis, OR (October 20, 2019) NAACP Alaska Oregon Washington State Area Conference (AOWSAC) denounce the victimization, inhumane treatment and unlawful arrest of 21 year old, Genesis Hansen for riding her bicycle on the wrong side of the road.

On Sunday, October 12, 2019, 21 yr. old Genesis Hansen was riding her bicycle on the wrong side of the road when Oregon State and Corvallis Police Officers stopped to cite her, and she later refused to show identification. Under Oregon State law “it is not required of any citizen to show identification”, which Ms. Hansen was exercising such right.

As the nation’s oldest Civil Rights organization, we view this civil rights violation by state and local law enforcement as another example of racial inequity and excessive use of force imposed on communities of color by law enforcement. We are very concerned how a potential citation can result in a young woman being physically abused by police officers, and ultimately charged for the offenses committed against her. This behavior is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated in our society.

Therefore, we are calling upon Corvallis City leaders for the following:

- Benton County District Attorney to withdraw all charges against Genesis Hansen in relation to this incident
- Both Oregon State Police and Corvallis Police Departments issue an official apology to both Ms. Hansen and the Corvallis community.
- Oregon State University officials to provide support and assist Ms. Hansen in dealing with this experience.
- Meet and work directly with Corvallis NAACP Branch to adjudicate and educate around this issue.

You can expect our Organization, the NAACP to take immediate civic action in Corvallis in order to meet these demands.

Sincerely,

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