



# Broward County Chiefs of Police Association



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Dear State Attorney Satz,

These past few weeks have been a trying time for our county and our nation. As law enforcement leaders, we have grieved over the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, supported peaceful protests here in Broward County, and continued to work with our communities in reforming policing. During this time, we have also seen some troubling statements from professionals who work within our criminal justice system here in Broward County. I am writing to you today to address one such situation involving an assistant state attorney that is employed by your office.

Last week, Mr. Jeffrey Chukwuma made a statement on social media which indicated a clear bias against law enforcement. Among other things, the most troubling statement that Mr. Chukwuma made was that, *“Any arrest made without backup body camera should be ruled void and the suspect should walk immediately. Any allegation of misconduct reported against an officer without back up body camera footage should be presumed to be true.”* Nowhere in this statement, or in any of the other statements that Mr. Chukwuma listed, were his words aspirational in nature. His opinion was clear, and stated in a public arena.

In his capacity as an assistant state attorney, Mr. Chukwuma prosecutes cases that involve police officers as witnesses. Often times, police officers are also victims in these cases. Just as other actors in our criminal justice system would be removed from their offices should they make a statement that conflicts with the very duty that they swore to uphold, so Mr. Chukwuma should as well. Part of being a prosecutor is bringing forth cases without bias, to seek justice and act in an ethical manner while doing so. Mr. Chukwuma is well aware that the law does not require police officers to capture arrests on body camera, nor does the law even require police officers to have body cameras.

Bias by definition is prejudice in favor of or against one thing, person or group compared to another. While we hold our police officers to the highest standards and spend many hours training on the subject of bias, the Broward County State Attorney’s Office is also responsible for training its staff on this subject as well. There is nothing aspirational about bias or prejudice and this behavior would not be tolerated by any police agency. This social media post is not only a reflection of Mr. Chukwuma’s personal bias against police officers, it also reflects the acceptance of bias and the promotion of prejudicial treatment of ALL police officers by the Broward County State Attorney’s Office.

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We, as public officials, are held to a higher standard. The public expects more of us and rightfully so. The world is watching right now while leaders rise and fall, as people are demanding fairness and equality in our justice system. This equality does not extend to one group of people but to ALL. The Police Chiefs of Broward County feel strongly that Mr. Chukwuma will never be able to be fair and impartial as the very nature of his job requires him to be. For that reason, we are asking that you hold him accountable for his actions as you have held others in your office accountable for violating the oath that they swore to uphold and your own internal office policies.

We are requesting a meeting with you to discuss this matter further. In order to succeed in combating institutional racism and weeding out bad cops, we must also extend this same thought to ALL actors within the criminal justice system who cannot do their job with impartiality and fairness. Please call me at your earliest convenience so we can set up a time to meet.

Sincerely,



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President. Broward County Chiefs of Police Association

Cc: Rod Skirvin, President. Broward County PBA  
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