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**NAACP Arlington to Hold Press Conference in Arlington**

Family members, civil rights leaders, and concerned community members are gathering on Tuesday July 2, 2024, at 10am to demand greater police accountability and transparency in response to the ongoing fatal overdose crisis among Arlington's community members.

The NAACP Arlington Branch is supporting the family of Tori Thompson at a celebration of life event entitled "Truth for Tori." The Thompson family and concerned community members will stand together for this important community action. This call to action is in response to the failure of Arlington County Police Department to properly notify the family after the tragic loss of Tori Thompson's life. The subsequent unsatisfactory treatment of the family and the rising number of people dying from opioid overdose in our community in 2023 is alarming and concerns are growing. We are gathering to call for police reform and accountability in death investigations and to show support that Tori mattered. The event is free and open to the public.

**The event will occur on Tuesday July 2, 2024 at 10 am.  
Washington and Old Dominion Trail adjacent to  
6800 Langston Blvd. (Econo Lodge)  
Arlington, VA 22213**

Join NAACP Arlington Branch, the Thompson family and members of the Arlington community to stand together in support of reform and accountability in police treatment of family members when investigating a death and treatment of all loss of life seriously regardless of the person's current economic status, substance use disorder, or race

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*NAACP Arlington Branch advocates, agitates, and litigates for the civil rights due to Black America. Our legacy is built on the foundation of grassroots activism by civil rights pioneers who founded the NAACP in 1909 and this branch in 1940. The work of this nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization is sustained by 21st-century Arlington activists and supporters. From classrooms and courtrooms to Arlington County government, the Virginia General Assembly, and the U.S. Congress, our members work to secure the social and political power that will end race-based discrimination. That work is rooted in racial equity, civic engagement, and supportive policies and institutions for all marginalized people. We are committed to an Arlington without racism where Black people enjoy equitable opportunities in a thriving community.*

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