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Statement from the National Black Nurses Association, Inc. on the Death of Nolan Xavier Wells

The National Black Nurses Association, Inc. (NBNA) extends our deepest condolences to the family, friends, classmates, teammates, and loved ones of Nolan Xavier Wells as they mourn this unimaginable loss.

The death of a young person is a profound tragedy that reverberates throughout families, communities, and our nation. “As we mourn the tragic loss of Nolan Xavier Wells, the National Black Nurses Association stands with his family and the community in calling for truth, transparency, compassion, and justice while honoring the dignity of his life.” - Stated **Dr. Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, FNP-BC, AACRN, FNAP, FAANP, FADLN, FAAN - the 14th President & CEO of the National Black Nurses Association, Inc.**

As an organization committed to advancing health equity, social justice, and the well-being of Black communities, NBNA joins those grieving Nolan's passing while recognizing the importance of ensuring that every family receives truthful answers and every life is treated with dignity and respect.

As the investigation into Nolan Wells' death continues, NBNA supports a thorough, transparent, impartial, and timely investigation. We urge anyone with credible information that may assist investigators to come forward and cooperate with law enforcement so that the facts surrounding this tragedy can be fully established. Authorities have stated that the investigation remains active and that additional forensic findings, including autopsy and toxicology results, are still pending.

NBNA also recognizes the emotional and psychological impact that traumatic events have on families, young people, and entire communities. We encourage those affected to seek support through trusted mental health professionals, faith communities, counselors, and other community resources during this difficult time.

As nurses, advocates, and leaders, we remain steadfast in our mission to promote health equity, protect human dignity, and support communities during times of grief and uncertainty. We continue to hold the Wells family in our thoughts and prayers and stand with all who seek truth, compassion, and justice.

About NBNA

Founded in 1971, the mission of NBNA is “to serve as the voice for black nurses and diverse populations ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.” NBNA represents over 350,000 black registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, nursing students and retired nurses from the USA, Eastern Caribbean, and Africa, through 111 chartered chapters, in 34 states and the District of Columbia. Learn more at [NBNA.org](https://www.nbna.org).