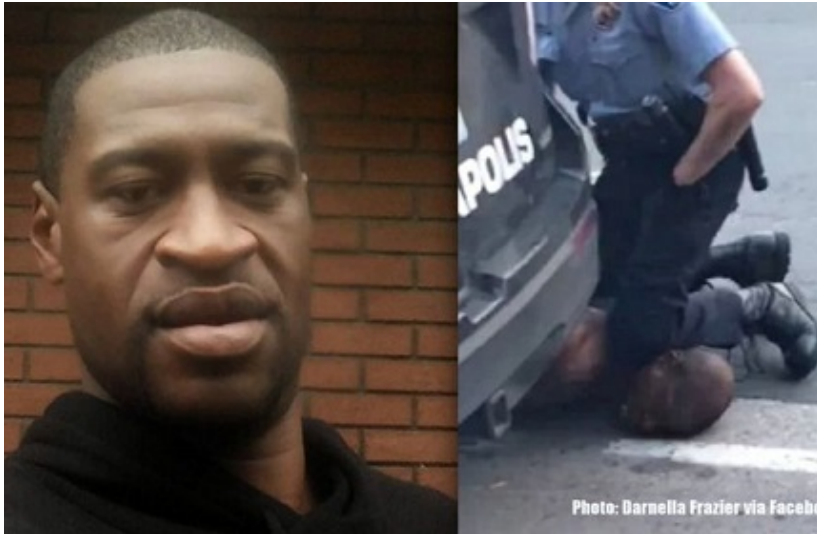


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Activist group says structural racism is at the very core of the American criminal justice and policing system, and must end before the healing can begin.

Milwaukee - Citizen Action of Wisconsin stands in solidarity with the family and friends of George Floyd, thousands of protesters across the county, and every person who loves humanity, in demanding that the four officers involved in his murder be swiftly brought to justice.

We strongly agree with our compatriots and our fellow People's Action affiliate, Take Action Minnesota, that the protests in Minneapolis and in many other cities are "demonstrations of our pain and a cry for justice. It is an old pain borne of the historic, violent, publicly funded oppression of Black people... George Floyd should be alive today and prosecuting officers for his murder is the beginning, not end of justice."

It is hard for us to believe that anyone other than a police officer would be able to avoid immediate arrest when such damning video evidence of a crime is available. The four day delay in the officer responsible being arrested and charged, and the failure to charge (as of this writing) the other officers who stood by and watched a murder, has badly damaged public confidence in the investigation and contributed to the turbulent events on the streets of Minneapolis. Before we can even begin to heal, justice must be brought to the four police officers involved in this racist murder and anyone else who tried to cover it up.

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But the healing cannot stop there, because what happened to George Floyd, and all the other victims of publicly sanctioned racist murder we have come to know over the last decade, is ultimately caused not by a few bad apples but the structural racism that is at the very core of the American criminal justice and policing system. The system of mass incarceration grew out of the backlash against the civil rights and black power movements of the 1960s, and has made the U.S, the most incarcerated and over-policed country in the history of the free world. Only a massive shift in resources away from the publicly funded oppression of Black people, poor people, the Latinx community, and many many others and invested in our communities and a humane, antiracist, and just system of public safety.