Press Statement Re: Kerrick Civil Settlement

May 14, 2015

We, defense counsel for Randall W. Kerrick, are primarily disappointed with Chief Monroe’s initial rush to judgment in charging Randall Wesley Kerrick with Voluntary Manslaughter prior to conducting a thorough investigation. This rush to judgment has subsequently led our elected City Officials in an unprecedented and politically stained decision to stop financial funding for Officer Kerrick’s civil case despite him still being in the employ of this city. This rush to judgment also caused our elected City Officials, behind closed doors, to decide to spend precious tax payer dollars on a civil settlement despite not having seen any of the evidence in this case and despite Officer Kerrick not having been found at all liable in the civil suit. This civil settlement has absolutely no bearing on Officer Kerrick’s criminal case.

Justice can never be measured by a monetary quantity or by the pecuniary interest of civil lawyers.

Officer Kerrick and his defense counsel believe that true justice in this case will come in the form of an acquittal after twelve impartial jurors are selected, hear evidence, deliberate and decide what we have stated countless times from the onset of this case- that Officer Kerrick’s shooting of Jonathan Ferrell while tragic, was justified. We eagerly await our day court and our opportunity to tell the entire truth about the events of September 14, 2013.