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Public Defender's Office Hosts March to Protest Police Brutality and Racial Inequality

Dayton, OH, June 7, 2020: On Monday, June 8th, The Law Office of the Montgomery County Public Defender will join with other Public Defenders' offices across the country to lead a march against police violence and racial inequality within the criminal justice system. **The march will begin at 2:45pm in front of the Reibold Building at 117 S. Main Street, Dayton OH 45422 and will end at the court buildings on Third Street and Perry Street.**

The Office of the Public Defender is profoundly saddened and outraged at the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd. Our hearts go out to their families and to the citizens of Louisville and Minneapolis. Their deaths add to a long list of Black Americans who have been unjustifiably killed at the hands of the police.

"As someone who has represented poor black and brown people for thirty years, I can assure you that heavy-handed and brutal policing most certainly does occur in own community, particularly in neighborhoods that are predominantly poor and black," says Theresa G. Haire, Public Defender. "We must stop the practice of unnecessary and aggressive police encounters, arrests, and prosecutions. We must demand that the police be held accountable for their actions. We must dismantle a criminal justice system rooted in structural racism and 'tough on crime' policies that cause harm to the citizens of our communities and do little to keep them safe."

Participants interested in joining are asked to meet in front of the Reibold Building prior to 2:45pm, and to wear a mask if they are able.

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About the Public Defender's Office: The Law Office of the Public Defender provides legal representation to citizens accused by the government of criminal conduct that can result in a loss of freedom. We defend cases including Felonies, Misdemeanors, Appeals, and Juveniles. We provide these legal services to all persons and base qualification decisions solely on economic status.