

Commonwealth of Virginia

General Assembly

RICHMOND

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Secretary Brian Moran
Department of Public Safety and Homeland Security
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, VA. 23218

Dear Secretary Moran:

We are writing to you today to request an investigation into the death of Fitz Thomas. As you may have heard, Fitz Thomas, the son of Pastor Michelle Thomas, President of the Loudoun NAACP, passed away tragically. Fitz Thomas passed on June 4th from a swimming accident that took place at the confluence of the Potomac River and Goose Creek.

Reports have suggested that 911 calls were routed to Montgomery, Maryland, as opposed to Loudoun County which resulted in a delayed response from first responders. Loudoun County did arrive on the scene, but this was only after the initial miscommunication.

We are formally requesting a full investigation into this situation. We are hoping that this investigation will lead us to correct the communication errors and change any procedures that may have led to this tragic event. We look forward to hearing from you and your office regarding this situation.

Respectfully,

Senator John J. Bell Member, Senate of Virginia

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Senator Jennifer Boysko Member, Senate of Virginia

33rd Senate District

Delegate David Reid Member, House of

32nd House District