



## CONNECTICUT NAACP AND NORWALK BRANCH ANNOUNCE PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 5

### NAACP announces its investigation into the suspicious death of a young black attorney in Connecticut

**HARTFORD, Conn. (July 23, 2015)**—As public outcry builds across the country about police misconduct related to premature announcements by police departments that deaths of certain black men and women were caused by “self-inflicted” acts, the case of a young black attorney who died under suspicious circumstances in Connecticut is hitting the headlines. The CT NAACP and Norwalk Branch will join forces to hold a press conference on Wednesday, August 5 at the Redding Police Department in Redding, Connecticut, to announce the launch of its investigation into the death of a man who lost his life in the town in 2014.

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The NAACP will officially investigate the death of Attorney Gugsu Abraham “Abe” Dabela, who died on April 5, 2014, at the age of 35. Abe died of a gunshot wound to the back of his head after a motor vehicle crash less than a mile from his home in Redding. Abe’s death was ruled a suicide by the Office of the Medical Examiner in October of 2014.

Since Abe’s death, family members have steadfastly pursued answers to their many questions about both his death and the police investigation.

The NAACP has agreed to assist the family in seeking these answers. The family’s attorney and the Dabela family will be on hand at the event, which will start at **6:30 pm at 96 Hill Road in Redding**, to provide further specifics on the case and speak about the family’s painstaking quest for justice.

“The Dabela family has questions and it’s time for answers,” said CT NAACP President Scot X. Esdaile. “At the same time, a mountain of misinformation concerning this case continues to build in the media and we intend to bring clarity to the issues at hand.”

“We urge NAACP members and other concerned members of the public to join us in Redding to learn why people are increasingly calling for justice on behalf of Abe (#Justice4Abe),” said NAACP Norwalk President Darnell D. Crosland.

Members of the public who have information on the case or the investigation are urged to contact [info@justice4abe.com](mailto:info@justice4abe.com) or to call the CT NAACP at [860-523-9962](tel:860-523-9962). To follow the case on social media, visit Justice4Abe on Facebook or Twitter.

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