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THE CITY OF ARCATA AND LAWSON FAMILY ANNOUNCE SETTLEMENT

Arcata, CA, July 7, 2021 –. The City of Arcata and the Lawson family have come to terms on a confidential settlement of a lawsuit that was filed against the City in relation to the killing of David Josiah Lawson.

As part of the mutual agreement, the City will partner with the Lawson Family on the creation of a mural honoring David Josiah Lawson and will donate \$25,000 to the Justice for Josiah Scholarship Fund. More information regarding the mural will be released as it becomes available.

Charmaine Lawson said that she will continue to fight for justice on behalf of her son and that she will never give up until justice is served. Charmaine said that she misses her son's laughter, smiles and most importantly his big warm hugs.

The Lawson murder investigation remains an open case, and the Lawson Family and the Arcata Police Department (APD) continue to ask the community for assistance to solve this murder. A \$55,000 reward for information directly leading to the arrest and conviction of the person responsible for the killing of David Josiah Lawson has been established. Anyone with information regarding the Lawson case is encouraged to call the APD's 24-hour confidential tip-line at (707) 825-2590 or the APD Dispatch Center at (707) 822-2424.

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