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LITTLE ROCK NATIVE FILES CIVIL RIGHTS LAWSUIT AGAINST LOUISVILLE METRO PD IN LOUISVILLE RAPE KIT CASE

On April 28, 2008, Little Rock native, Salisa Luster Harrison was brutally attacked and sexually assaulted in her Louisville apartment by an assailant(s) who remains unknown. The reason the identity of Salisa's attacker(s) is unknown is because he was allowed to leave the scene of the attack by a responding Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) police officer who also left the scene with Salisa severely injured in her home, and even prevented others from giving her aid. Worse yet, this officer's colleagues conspired to conceal the malice and racial discrimination inherent in the officer's acts. They were successful for over ten (10) years at concealing the truth from Salisa and her family until 2017, when a reporter covering the Louisville rape kit backlog story shared information, alerting Salisa that LMPD officials had lied to her about the testing of her kit and allegedly inconclusive results on multiple occasions for many years.

The LMPD officials named in the matter violated Salisa's constitutional rights by concealing the material facts of her case, thereby intentionally denying her access to the courts, in breach of the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution. Salisa's constitutional right to equal protection under the Fourteenth Amendment was violated as well, because she was treated differently than other similarly-situated victims of violent sexual assault.

On Tuesday, June 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. EASTERN, national civil rights attorneys, Ben Crump and Mike Laux, will convene a news conference to discuss the filing of a federal civil rights lawsuit on behalf of Salisa Luster Harrison against certain LMPD officials. Ms. Luster Harrison will be present, as will her mother, Cheryl Ellis. **The event will proceed at the Jefferson County Judicial Center, located at 700 W. Jefferson, Louisville, KY.** A copy of the federal complaint will be provided via email after it is filed Tuesday morning.

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