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NBCI Implores Justice Be Delivered to Ethan Couch

Being Rich and Privileged is Not a Moral Defense, Concept of “Affluenza” is Appalling

Washington DC – The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) a faith-based coalition of 34,000 churches comprised of 15 denominations and 15.7 million African American churchgoers cries foul in the recent case against Ethan Chase, a young man who received a mere ten years of probation for killing four people and seriously injuring two others while drunk behind the wheel.

NBCI President Reverend Anthony Evans said “Even though forgiveness of sin is at the heart of the Christian faith, in this case forgiveness does not mean avoiding the consequences of sin. This young man needs to go to jail for the sake of all of us and him.”

NBCI applauds the families of the victims and other lawmakers who are seeking alternative damages in the case and also working towards banning the “affluenza defense” in their own state. Being rich or privileged is not an excuse for behaving in a way that causes the death of God’s children, and this young man needs to serve a just sentence behind bars for the sake of our legal system’s moral decency.

The judge who sentenced Evan Couch is morally deprived of any basic human ethics or accountability. Jail in this case is holy. NBCI leadership and its members continue to pray for the families and victims affected in this tragedy and look forward to swift justice.

About NBCI

The National Black Church Initiative (NBCI) is a coalition of 34,000 churches working to eradicate racial disparities in healthcare, technology, education, housing, and the environment. NBCI's mission is to provide critical wellness information to all of its members, congregants, churches and the public. NBCI offers faith-based, out-of-the box and cutting edge solutions to stubborn economic and social issues. NBCI's programs are governed by credible statistical analysis, science based strategies and techniques, and methods that work. Visit our website at www.naltblackchurch.com.