

## Open and Public Inquiry into the Death of Mr. Rohan Wilson

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**Montreal, Tuesday, March 9, 2004** – Alliance Quebec has joined its voice to those calling for an open and public inquiry into the death of Mr. Rohan Wilson on February 21st in NDG. Mr. Wilson, aged 24 and apparently in good health, died, according to media reports, after being subdued by six Montreal police officers.

His family and friends have been given little information as to the cause of Mr. Wilson's death and the reasons why so many police officers were needed to take him into custody. There is no record of charges against him. And there have been no public statements about the incident from any elected public officials in charge of the police.

As a result, rumors abound and questions remain unanswered. The situation is intolerable for those who were close to the dead young man.

Mr. Wilson was a member of Montreal's English-speaking black community, a community that has fewer resources and less access to the levers of political power than many others in this city.

A full and open public inquiry by responsible civilians into the circumstances of this incident could go a long way towards easing the tensions caused by Mr. Wilson's death and dealing compassionately with the surviving members of his family.

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