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Hate Crime in Quincy, Illinois

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In the early morning hours (approximately 1:00 a.m.) of Sunday, April 4, 2021 (the 53 Anniversary of the Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.) Quincy University Student, 19-year-old freshman, Jazzpher Evans was violently attacked by Steve William Homan, owner of “The Barn” a bar and restaurant in Quincy, IL—in a racially fueled incident.

Jazzpher Evans is a 19-year-old African-American freshman at Quincy University in Quincy, Illinois. She was recruited and joined Quincy University’s Women’s basketball team on a full athletic scholarship. At QU, Jazzpher is a bio-chem major with aspirations of becoming a geneticist after pursuing her master’s degree. She currently has a 3.0 cumulative GPA, while acclimating to a new town, school, and basketball team. Jazz’s family remains very proud of her perseverance as she did well adjusting to college, finding new friends, and recovering from COVID during a pandemic and her first semester at Quincy University.

Daughter to Shavon Evans and Marvin Evans, Jr., Jazzpher, affectionately known as “Jazz” to friends and family, grew up in Joliet and Shorewood, Illinois and attended Joliet West High school. She excelled as an athlete and scholar, graduating in 2020 with a 3.8 GPA. Further, she has received numerous academic and athletic honors.

Jazz was attacked by Steve William Homan, owner of “The Barn” a 47-year-old white male, 6’5” tall weighing approximately 250 lbs. Homan approached Jazz and a young fellow Quincy University White Female Student (who were both standing near the DJ Booth requesting a change to the music) and violently pushed Jazz against the wall.

Homan then grabbed Jazz and threw her to the ground. Homan then placed Jazz in a full choke hold and strangled her until she lost consciousness.

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After rendering her unconscious, Homan then dragged her lifeless body out of his establishment and slammed her to the ground. Not knowing or caring if she was dead or alive.

When Quincy Police Department Officers arrived on the scene—they never called for or offered Jazz medical attention—even though she (after she had regained consciousness) was visibly bleeding from her nose and wounds on her face and suffering from the effects of being unconscious for more than five minutes.

As a result of Homan's racist attack, Jazzpher sustained a traumatic brain injury, was rendered unconscious for at least five minutes, suffered multiple lacerations and cuts to her face, nose, hip, back and neck. Jazzpher is still receiving medical attention for her numerous injuries.

In addition to her significant physical trauma, she has and continues to suffer great emotional trauma due to this savage life threatening beating.

Jazz's family describes her as ambitious, loving, creative, highly intelligent, along with a quietly powerful perspective of life. Jazz and her family are truly heart-broken about her experience at the Barn in Quincy, Illinois. They remain concerned about her physical and the psychological wellbeing from the trauma that she suffered and continues to suffer. Equally important, they want justice for Jazz.

Jazz is being represented by Attorney Keenan J. Saulter of Saulter Law P.C.

Jazz, her parents Marvin Evans, Shevon Evans and attorney Saulter will hold a Press Conference on Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at One Vision Worship Center, 2701 West Jefferson Street, Joliet, Illinois.

#Justice4Jazz

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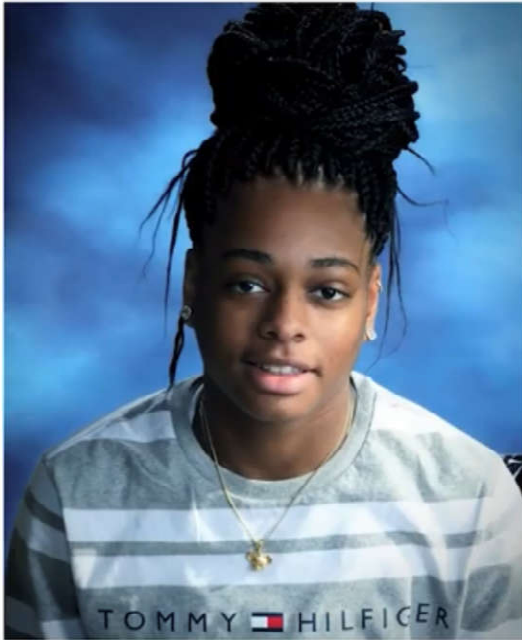
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