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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Statement of Support for NBPA UK Chief Inspector George

The National Black Police Association (NBPA US) stands in solidarity with **Chief Inspector Andy George**, President of the NBPA UK, during the ongoing investigation by the **Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)**.

Throughout his career, Chief Inspector George has been a dedicated advocate for Black, Asian, and minority communities within the UK, working to improve policy reforms aimed at addressing systemic issues. As President of the NBPA UK, he has been a crucial voice for those who are often unheard. The recent decision by the PSNI to investigate and silence him is deeply concerning.

Chief Inspector George is under investigation for misconduct following a tweet he posted after Officer Martyn Blake was acquitted of shooting an unarmed man. Despite the acquittal, Blake was promoted to the rank of inspector, a decision that raised concerns among many who felt that an internal hearing should have been conducted. In his tweet, Chief Inspector George highlighted the disparity in how officers of color are disciplined compared to their white counterparts, noting that such incidents often result in the careers of officers of color being disproportionately stalled.

The PSNI alleges that Chief Inspector George's comments stir racial division among officers and violate the agency's ethics policy.

The NBPA strongly supports Chief Inspector George and urges the PSNI to reconsider their investigation. The commitment to free speech, transparency, and fair policing should never be grounds for punishment.

Respectfully,
NBPA Executive Board