

Julia Blake Pleads for Peace

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BIG SANDY, Texas—On Sunday, Aug. 23, Jacob Blake (a 29-year-old man) was shot in Kenosha, Wis. There are many disturbing facts about the incident.

- Mr. Blake was shot by police in the back as he tried to enter his car.
- His three sons were in the car and saw the shooting.
- The initial report by medical professionals is that Mr. Blake may be paralyzed.
- Mr. Blake is a black man.
- The police officer who shot him is a white man.

Riots ensued

When a video of the shooting went viral, many people were upset and angry about the incident.

Because of the racial tension in our country right now, many citizens engaged in civil disturbance in Kenosha and in other cities.

Rioting.

Burning.

Looting.

Shooting.

Mourning mother sees clearly

It is obvious to see the emotional pain of Mr. Blake's family. It is heartbreaking to see the pain in Mr. Blake's mother.

Although most people would allow the pain to influence an incorrect view towards the world, many mothers are wired to react with maturity. Julia Blake is such a person. She reflected the mature attributes of many mothers.

An article by Jordan Davidson titled "Jacob Blake's Mother Pleads for Peace Amid Kenosha Rioting" was posted at thefederalist.com on Aug. 26, 2020. Following are excerpts of the article.

Julia Blake, the mother of Jacob Blake, who was shot by police in Kenosha Sunday night, expressed how “disgusted” she is at the people who hijacked her son’s shooting for their own gain.

“To use my child or any other mother or father’s child, our tragedy, to react in that manner is just not acceptable. And it’s not helping Jacob or any other of the men or women who have suffered in these areas,” she added.

Destructive, violent and fatal riots erupted in Kenosha, Wis., after police shot Jacob Blake, a black man, seven times in the back, leaving him partially paralyzed. According to the family’s attorney, three of Blake’s children saw the shooting occur from a nearby vehicle.

“My family and I are very hurt. And quite frankly disgusted. And, as his mother, please don’t burn up property and cause havoc and tear your own homes down in my son’s name. You shouldn’t do it,” Julia Blake urged.

According to Blake’s mother, rioting is not justified, especially without knowing the full story of situations like the one with her son.

“We should always get the details from the right source before we start throwing bricks,” she warned.

Julia Blake also apologized for comments made by a family member about President Trump and expressed regret that she missed his phone call because “maybe the comments that you made would have been different.”

She clarified, however, that she is not mad at the president and respects his leadership.

The victim’s mother previously spoke against the violence and destruction at a press conference on Tuesday afternoon in front of the Kenosha County Courthouse, encouraging people to stop the hate.

“I noticed a lot of damage. That does not reflect my son or my family,” she said

She also told reporters that she had been “praying, even before this, for the healing of our country.”