



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

June 28, 2026

**Joint Media Contacts:**

Thandiwe/Ma'Ronda

(323) 271-6642

[press@blmgrassroots.org](mailto:press@blmgrassroots.org)

**Cops Killed a 1-Year-Old at a Mississippi Walmart.  
Family and Community Demand Justice in the Name of Baby #KohenWiley**

The tiny body of baby #KohenWiley was laid to rest this weekend. Police murdered the one-year-old in his mother's arms on June 14th after she was falsely accused of failing to pay for a pack of diapers at Walmart.

Uprisings, protests, and actions are ongoing and being organized by the Building Bridges Coalition and Black Lives Matter Grassroots in partnership with Movement 4 Black Lives, and community groups.

In support of Baby Kohen's family, Building Bridges and Black Lives Matter Grassroots demand the following:

1. Immediately release all police body and dash camera footage and dispatch communications, unedited and unredacted.
2. Name, arrest, and prosecute all cops involved in the murder of Baby Kohen, including Hunter Foster, who fired through the door of a moving vehicle and killed Baby Kohen.
3. Stop the attempted character assassination of Kohen's mother, family, and community.

The coalition also holds Walmart complicit in Kohen Wiley's murder and demand that they:

4. Immediately release store-owned video that captures the horrific killing, unedited and unredacted.
5. Overhaul Walmart policies in order to value Black life and halt the practice of calling the police on Black people, especially when they are being accused of non-violent, non-life-threatening offenses.

The murder of Baby Kohen is one of the most profane examples of police violence in human history. It is also part of a surge in the killings of Black people by police that stems from white-supremacist capitalist interests, which utilize police as protectors of profit at the expense of Black life.

Community is mobilizing on the ground in Mississippi and across the nation to ensure that there are political and economic consequences. This includes a nationwide boycott of Walmart in the name of Baby Kohen (as well as #JohnCrawford, #StevenTaylor, and many more before him, and #DeandreaRobertson just two days after). Uprisings in Senatobia and beyond will continue. As we pray for and hold Baby Kohen's family in their time of unimaginable grief, our commitment is to transform the world. Black babies deserve to live and grow into their fullest selves and their parents, caregivers, and communities have a right to the resources they need to survive and thrive. Until there is justice in Baby Kohen's name, and in honor of all of our martyrs - especially our children, there will be no peace.

###

### **About Black Lives Matter Grassroots**

*The mission of Black Lives Matter Grassroots is to support, sustain, and uplift the necessary agitations, mobilizations, community organizing, and initiatives of Black Lives Matter chapters to fulfill our sacred duty to advance Black liberation. #BlackLivesMatter was birthed to end state-sanctioned violence against Black people. Black Lives Matter Grassroots is a collective of 51 chartered chapters around the world. We have been working on the ground since 2013.*