

## NAACP CHARLOTTE V. CITY OF CHARLOTTE (PROTEST RIGHTS)



**UPDATE: On July 24, Mecklenburg Superior Court judge George Bell denied the ACLU's motion for a preliminary injunction.**

In response to a lawsuit filed by civil rights advocates, journalists, and protesters, a North Carolina Superior Court judge granted a temporary restraining order forcing the City of Charlotte to halt the use of force against peaceful demonstrators.

The ACLU of North Carolina, the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Emancipate NC, along with several Charlotte-based attorneys, filed a lawsuit on behalf of Charlotte Uprising, NAACP, Team TruBlue, Southeast Asian Coalition (SEAC), the ACLU of North Carolina, and 4 Charlotte residents against the City of Charlotte and

Charlotte Mecklenburg Chief of Police for perpetrating violent attacks against peaceful protesters.

The lawsuit asserts CMPD orchestrated a premeditated and violent attack on peaceful demonstrators, trapping them with a maneuver called “kettling” and assaulting them with rubber bullets, tear gas, and flash bang grenades.

In addition to the ACLU of North Carolina, the Lawyers Committee, and Emancipate NC, counsel on the case include Brandy Haynes, Luke Largess of Tin Fulton Walker & Owen, Tim Emry, Abe Rubert-Schewel of Lord & Schewel, Lauren Newton of the law firm of Charles G. Monnett III & Associates, and Alex Heroy of James McElroy & Diehl.

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