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Black officers break from unions over support for Donald Trump



Crystal Williams-Coleman, president of the Guardian Civic League, talks to reporters during a press conference on Oct. 9 Philadelphia. [MICHAEL PEREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

By Claudia Lauer
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Police unions nationwide have largely supported President Donald Trump's reelection, amid mass demonstrations over police brutality and accusations of systemic racism — but a number of Black law enforcement officers are speaking out against these endorsements, saying their concerns over entering the 2020 political fray were ignored.

Trump has touted his support from the law enforcement community, which includes

endorsements from national, city and state officers' unions — some of which publicly endorsed a political candidate for the first time. He's running on what he calls a "law and order" platform and tapping into a strain of anger and frustration felt by law enforcement who believe they are being unfairly accused of racial discrimination.

There are more than 8,000 law enforcement agencies in the U.S., with large departments holding sway nationally. The number of minority officers in policing

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Nonprofit: Domestic violence calls up

By Jozsef Papp
Staff Writer

As the pandemic began, there was concern among local organizations about an increase in domestic violence or abuse calls and reports when coronavirus restrictions were implemented. Those concerns have come to fruition.

SafeHomes Augusta, which provides services to victims of domestic violence, has seen

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Geraldine Davis, of Ward, S.C., encourages all women to stick with their yearly commitments to get screened for breast cancer. She almost skipped her mammogram one year, but it ended up catching a tiny tumor. [MICHAEL HOLAHAN/THE AUGUSTA CHRONICLE]

Study seeks reasons for breast cancer disparities

By Tom Corwin
Staff Writer

Geraldine Davis, 77, laughs when asked about how long she has been getting an annual mammogram.

"Forever, forever," she said. She nearly considered stopping after she got into her 70s but decided to ask her doctor, who convinced her to keep with it.

"And that next mammogram something showed

up," she said, in July 2018. Hers was caught very early and she only had to have the tiny tumor and some lymph nodes removed. But many women like her are not as fortunate.

Just living in certain counties in the U.S. and being Black or Hispanic increases the risk of dying from breast cancer, according to research at Augusta University. But now having documented that, Dr. Justin

X. Moore at AU is planning to go beyond the statistics.

Moore has a federal five-year career development grant to explore not only what is behind those disparities but also how and where to intervene.

The study of 3,108 counties in the lower 48 states from 2000 to 2015 found 199 that were "hot spots" where breast cancer death rates were much higher for Black women, mostly in

the Southeast, and 83 that were hot spots for Hispanic women, mostly in the Southwest and in central and southern Florida. Those counties had higher rates of poverty, unemployment, lack of health insurance and people who felt they could not afford to see a doctor. His data fits with the disparities seen nationally in breast cancer survival rates.

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