

CALL TO ACTION

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The US Department of Justice and the FBI have opened an investigation into the "facts and circumstances" surrounding the shooting of Trayvon Martin, the Justice Department announced Monday.

"The department will conduct a thorough and independent review of all of the evidence and take appropriate action at the conclusion of the investigation," Xochitl Hinojosa, a Justice Department spokeswoman, said in a statement. "The department also is providing assistance to and cooperating with the state officials in their investigation into the incident."

The decision comes a week after the Florida NAACP State Conference issued a letter to the Department of Justice, requesting that it investigate the Trayvon Martin case at a federal level. A Seminole County grand jury will also investigate the Martin case.

The Florida NAACP State Conference has been actively involved in the Trayvon Martin case since February, when Florida State Conference President Adora Obi Nweze requested a meeting for U.S. attorneys in state of Florida to discuss the Martin case and similar cases in Florida where white assailants attacked black victims, with no arrest made.

In addition to the letter to DOJ issued on March 13, President Nweze and Seminole County NAACP President Turner Clayton have taken to the media to call for justice for Trayvon.

On March 20, the Seminole County NAACP will lead a townhall meeting about the case. The townhall will begin at 7:00 PM at Allen AME Church in Sanford, Florida, where Trayvon was killed.

On March 31, the Florida NAACP State Conference will lead a march through the community to the Sanford police station, where the group will make a statement directed at the state attorney's office.