

STATEMENT BY:  
MAYOR IVAN ALLEN, JR.\*

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I promise every citizen of Atlanta that the full forces of the City government will be used to apprehend and convict the person or persons guilty of shooting and killing Herbert Vorner and the shooting and wounding of Roy Wright.

I further promise and pledge that Atlanta will continue without any lessening of its efforts to eliminate racial discrimination and provide full and equal opportunity to all its citizens.

I further pledge that in this city we will enforce the law and demand orderly and lawful conduct from every person.

After having made these commitments to every Atlanta citizen, and especially those who are here today and live in this neighborhood, I would remind you that Atlanta's efforts which have exceeded the efforts of any other American city to eliminate racial prejudice and insure the Negro citizen of equal rights and opportunity, cannot be accomplished or carried out except under the authority of law and order. These two are inseparable and neither can succeed without the other.

With full realization of this, I assure each of you and every other Atlanta citizen that we will not tolerate racial discrimination, injustice, lawlessness or disorder. Neither will we allow to go unpunished those responsible for such deplorable and dastardly acts as were perpetrated last night.

I am today posting a reward of \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons guilty of the shooting and death of Herbert Vorner and the shooting and wounding of Roy Wright.