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Fred Cox Jr. attorneys file civil lawsuit against Davidson County Sheriff's Office, deputy

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On Wednesday afternoon attorneys representing the family of Fred Cox Jr., the man shot dead by a sheriff's deputy in High Point, announced that they were filing a civil lawsuit against the Davidson County Sheriff's Office, Deputy Michael Shane Hill and others on behalf of Cox's family.

Cox Jr. was 18 years old when he was shot and killed by Deputy Hill on Nov. 8, 2020 while running into a church during a drive-by shooting. According to previous reporting by *Triad City Beat*, Cox Jr. was attempting to shepherd Vivian Wright and her 12-year-old son Tavaris Wright into the church when Hill started shooting in their direction. An autopsy report showed that Cox died from multiple gunshot wounds that entered his body from behind. A separate set of attorneys are also representing Wright and her son Tavaris.

As *TCB* has reported in the past, Hill has a history of suspensions and demotions and is still currently employed by the Davidson County Sheriff's Office.

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