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## Ford Calls on Rank and File Police to Condemn Racist FOP Post

**CHICAGO** – State Representative La Shawn K. Ford, D-Chicago, is calling on hard-working rank and file police men and women to condemn the recent post, photo below. The post is advertising a t-shirt design which states: “ILFOP The Original Cage Fighters Keeps the Devils in Hell Fraternal Order of Police Corrections Lodge 263”. The image appears to portray a Black man behind bars in its design.

“At a time when rank and file police are on the streets trying to create better relations with our communities and communities are trying to build confidence in our police, it is totally inappropriate for the Fraternal Order of Police to portray what appears to be a Black man behind bars and call them a Devil in Hell,” said Ford. “This image reminds me of the darkened photo of O.J. Simpson on the cover of TIME magazine. There is no place for this, and our rank and file police must join the rest of the community to call out their leadership for what this taunt is, which is blatantly racist.”

