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## Singer Jimmie Allen owes \$2M to sex assault accuser

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## Court hears arguments on reviving lawsuit

NAACP claims active discrimination by police

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A federal circuit court panel heard arguments June 24 in an appeal to reinstate the Delaware NAACP's lawsuit claiming active discrimination against Black people by the Wilmington Police Department.

The class action suit, filed in a federal district court in October 2023, was dismissed last summer because the court deemed the NAACP did not have standing to bring it forward in the first place. The suit was filed by the NAACP and eight Black residents of Wilmington, each of whom alleged specific and often repeated instances of misconduct by Wilmington police.

The plaintiffs are not seeking money, but instead a permanent injunction from the court ordering Wilmington police to alter its practices.

However, the district court dismissed the case, saying the eight plaintiffs were unable to prove that future injury beyond their outlined claims was likely. Without this, the court ruled it had no ongoing controversy to solve.

Additionally, the NAACP's standing in the case was dismissed because it could not prove that focusing on purported police misconduct in Wilmington had forced it to dilute resources from across the state.

The plaintiffs appealed to the higher circuit court, which heard arguments in the appeal in the June 24 hearing.

Judge Stephanos Bibas said the three-judge panel will review the case and issue a decision at a later date.

### June 24 arguments

The arguments largely mirrored those made in prior hearings and court documents.

The NAACP asserted that it had a

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## 19-year-old is fatally shot by Wilmington police



**Rashai Skinner speaks with reporters on June 25, after her 19-year-old son, Kadir Skinner, was shot and killed by Wilmington police the day before.** JOSEPH JOHNSON/DELAWARE NEWS JOURNAL

### Family, city officials demand information

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Wilmington police have identified the 19-year-old killed by police as he ran from officers on the night of June 24, an incident that has left family and city officials demanding more information.

The shooting occurred about 11:15 p.m. near 24th and Jessup streets, a Wilmington Police Department news release said.

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**Kadir Skinner is seen with his niece. He was shot on June 24 as he ran from police.** PROVIDED BY KADIR SKINNER'S FAMILY

### Outrage, calls for transparency grow after killing

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Fueled by grief and anger, Wilmington residents gathered on the afternoon of June 25, calling for a full investigation into a police-involved shooting that left a 19-year-old man dead less than a day earlier. Family and supporters said police released an account of what led to Kadir Skinner's killing

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## Two bills in school funding reform head to governor

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Opening volleys in Delaware school funding reform have cleared the General Assembly.

Two bills related to a new, hybrid funding model cleared the House floor June 24, with sights on implementation by the 2027-28 school year. One bill solidifies the body charged with forming those recommendations, while another empowers Delaware Department of

Education to train and prepare its systems on the pending formula.

That's a vision to see more money – or weights – follow students with higher needs, like those in lower-income families or learning English, to fuel their schools by July 2027. That could mean

infusing \$150 million to \$200 million more than current annual funding just to launch, according to the Public Education Funding Commission.

That basically reorients state dollars,

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