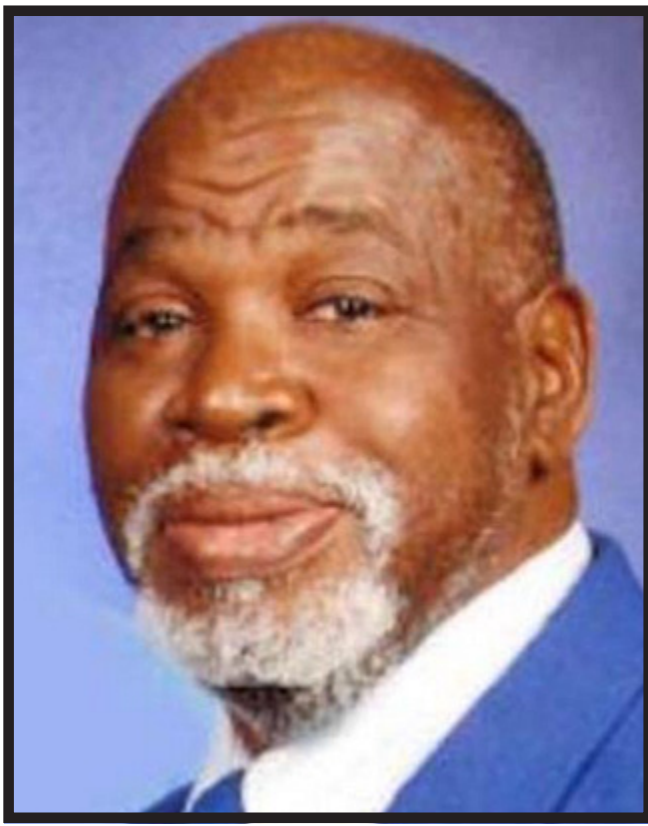


# Former teacher and coach at the Texas School for the Deaf, Richard Black, passes

(AUSTIN, TX) - On Wednesday, September 1, 2021, native and life-long Austinite Richard Black passed away. He was a former teacher and coach at the Texas School for the Deaf, located in Austin, for 36 years. Additionally, he was a certified football, basketball, track, volleyball, and softball official. He suffered a stroke in 2015, and was hospitalized multiple times. Over the past 6 years, he continued to fight through many obstacles with his health. This past March, he had to have emergency surgery, and it was



**Richard Black**

discovered he suffered another stroke.

Richard was celebrated by a funeral service on Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 8500 Cameron Rd. Austin, TX 78754 (512) 451-0808. The open casket view was from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm and closed-casket services began at 1:00 pm. The burial was held at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Cemetery, 14501 N Interstate Hwy 35, Pflugerville, TX 78660 (512) 251-4118. His body was entrusted to A Life Celebration by Franklin in Austin.

# 'Wendy Williams Show' production delayed after she tests positive for COVID-19

BY JUDY KURTZ - THE HILL

(THE HILL) - Wendy Williams won't return to her eponymous daytime chatfest until next month, after testing positive for COVID-19 in a breakthrough case, according to her show.

The diagnosis came as Williams was "continuing her health evaluations," the "Wendy Williams Show" account said in a Wednesday Instagram post.

"To allow Wendy time to quarantine and fully recover and to ensure that our production abides by all SAG/AFTRA and DGA Covid protocols, we expect to begin the 13th season of 'The Wendy Williams Show' on Monday, Oct. 4," the account posted.

Williams, 57, had announced in May that

she'd be welcoming back a limited studio audience to her show amid the coronavirus pandemic.

"We need you to be COVID tested. There's going to be some sort of doctor situation set up here, it's going to be like a hospital," Williams told viewers. "We need you to be fully vaccinated," she said.

Earlier this month, Williams's show said she would be bowing out of promotional activities ahead of the season premiere due to "ongoing health issues."

In a March appearance on "Dr. Oz," Williams — who in 2018 said she had been diagnosed with the auto-immune condition Grave's disease — told host Mehmet Oz of a COVID-



**Wendy Williams**

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19 vaccine, "I don't trust it. There, I said it."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has said that while breakthrough cases, in which fully vac-

inated people test positive for COVID-19, are expected, inoculated individuals who test positive for the virus are less likely to develop serious illness.

# Joy Reid responds to Nicki Minaj call out: 'A teachable moment'

by Biba Adams | THE GRIO

(THE GRIO) - MSNBC host Joy Reid made her first public remarks following fiery messages aimed her way on Twitter from rap superstar, Nicki Minaj, on her show The ReidOut on Tuesday night.

As previously reported, Minaj noted that she was still researching the coronavirus vaccines in a series of viral tweets earlier this week. In one tweet, Nicki Minaj suggested that a family friend had become impotent after taking the COVID-19 vaccine.

Responding to Minaj's final tweets, Reid accused the rapper of encouraging the Black community not to get vaccinated, to which Minaj replied that Reid was "thirsty" for jumping to "spread a false narrative about a black woman."

"For you to use your platform to encourage our community to not protect themselves and save their lives... As a fan, I am so sad that you did that," said Reid on her Monday night show of The ReidOut.

On her show on Tuesday night, Reid called the dustup between herself and Minaj a "teachable moment."

"Essentially, she made public her own vaccine deliberation, which according to trusted friends is a better way to describe vaccine hesitancy, which by the way is not the same thing as refusal," Reid told her viewers on Tuesday as reported by Fox News.

"But by doing, Nicki also used her social media platform and her 22 million Twitter followers to cast doubt on the vaccine to a heavily Black audience. Needless to say, both my comments and her series of infuriated responses went viral."

Reid noted that Minaj's tweets illustrates that there is still a lot of "vaccine hesitancy" among African Americans.

"Everything from just being reluctant or fear of potential side effects all the way up to conspiracy theories about the vaccines that are causing people to refuse to take them or just delay," Reid said. "And that needs to be addressed. Let's be clear, there are good solid reasons for Black people to have these doubts."

# Florida nurse faces five years in prison for threatening to kill Vice President Kamala Harris

by Ny Magee | THE GRIO

(THE GRIO) - A Florida nurse is facing five years in prison after admitting she threatened to kill Vice President Kamala Harris.

Niviane Petit Phelps, 39, confessed in federal court that she filmed herself talking about being offered \$53K to kill Harris within 50 days. According to a statement from the Department of Justice, she sent several of these video messages to her imprisoned husband, some of which her children filmed, PEOPLE reports.

"The videos show Phelps making the threats, screaming curse words, saying that she had accepted \$53K, to carry out the 'hit' against Vice President Harris, and explaining that she would carry out the assassination within 50 days," reads the statement.

"Some of the video clips she recorded herself; others, she had her children record," the statement continues. "After sending these videos, Phelps sent a photograph of herself holding a firearm with a target sheet at a gun range."

Days later, she "applied for a concealed weapon permit," per the statement.

Phelps told investigators that she threatened Harris because she believes the vice president isn't Black. Harris is Indian and Jamaican.

Phelps was arrested over the threatening videos she sent to her husband, Joseph, who is locked up in state prison after being convicted of a 1996 armed robbery and murder of a Miami grocery store owner, per Heavy. Phelps reportedly told investigators she didn't care that prison officials had access to the videos she sent him.

Phelps' defense attorney, Scott Saul said she, "was just venting as she was going through a tumultuous time in her life and never had any intent to carry out her threats ... threats limited to discussions with her incarcerated husband."

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