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REVEREND AL SHARPTON, MSNBC HOST: Welcome to "Politics Nation. I'm Al Sharpton.

Tonight's lead, the shooting death of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin is parking on national outcry for justice. Three weeks ago the high school junior was shot and killed walking back to his father's girlfriend's house in a gated community near Orlando. But still, there has been no arrest even though the police know who shot him.

George Zimmerman, the neighborhood watch captain, says he shot in self-defense. But the young man was unarmed. He was going home after buying an iced tea and skittles candy. In a minute, we will talk with Trayvon's father and family lawyer and we will get a live report from the scene.

But first, the police have now finally released the 911 tapes in the case, and it contained a shocking heart-breaking picture of what happened that rainy night of February 26th and they cry out for justice to be done in the case. Here is the call that George Zimmerman, the shooter, made to police.

(BEGIN AUDIOTAPE)

911 DISPATCHER: Sanford police department.

GEORGE ZIMMERMAN, SUSPECT IN TRAYVON`S MARTIN`S KILLING: Hey, we have had some break-ins in my neighborhood, and there is a real suspicious guy that looks like he is up to no good or on drugs or something.

911 DISPATCHER: Is he black, white, or Hispanic?

ZIMMERMAN: He`s got his hands n his waistband. And he`s a black male.

911 DISPATCHER: Do you see what he was wearing?

ZIMMERMAN: Yes. A dark hoodie like a gray hoodie and either jeans or sweatpants, and what looks like white tennis shoes. He is here now. He`s just staring, looking at all the houses.

(END VIDEOTAPE)

SHARPTON: Up to no good? Looks like he is on drugs or something? Trayvon was just walking home from the store. He was carrying candy, not drugs. But Zimmerman decided he was suspicious. Here is what happened next.

(BEGIN AUDIO CLIP)

ZIMMERMAN: Something is wrong with him. Yes. He is coming to check me out. He has something in his hands, I don`t know what his deal his.

911 DISPATCHER: OK, just let me know if he does anything else.

SHARPTON: These (beep), they always get away.

911 DISPATCHER: Are you following him?

ZIMMERMAN: Yes.

911 DISPATCHER: OK, we don`t need you to do that.

ZIMMERMAN: OK.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

SHARPTON: Zimmerman follows Trayvon even after police told him not to. This self-appointed neighborhood watch leader takes matters into his own hands and then came this chilling frantic call from someone who heard yelling and a gunshot.

(BEGIN AUDIOTAPE)

911 DISPATCHER: 911, did you need police, fire, and medical.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: Maybe both, I`m not sure. Someone is screaming outside.

911 DISPATCHER: And is it a male or female?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: Sounds like a male.

911 DISPATCHER: You don`t know why?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: I don`t know why. I think they`re yelling help, but I don`t know. Just send somebody quick, please.

911 DISPATCHER: Does he look hurt to you?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: I can't see him, I don't want to go out there, I don't know what's going on. They're sending someone.

911 DISPATCHER: So you think he is yelling help?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: Yes.

911 DISPATCHER: All right, what is your (bang)?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: There was just gunshot.

911 DISPATCHER: You just heard gunshot?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: Yes.

911 DISPATCHER: How many?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: Just one. Get down, come here.

911 DISPATCHER: Is he still yelling?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: I don't know --

(END AUDIOTAPE)

SHARPTON: Help me, help me, that's tough to hear. And more panicked neighbors were calling for help.

(BEGIN AUDIOTAPE)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLER: They're wrestling right in the back of my porch.

911 DISPATCHER: You just heard one shot go off?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLER: It was either that or a rock go at the window or something. I don't know, the guy yelled help and I'm not going out.

911 DISPATCHER: Somebody is yelling for help?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLER: I'm pretty sure the guy is dead out here. Holy (beep). And there is a black guy down, it looks like he has been shot and he's dead.

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: There's someone screaming, I just heard gunshots.

911 DISPATCHER: OK, do you see anything? I don't need you to go outside. Do you see anything, do you hear squealing or tires or anything?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE CALLER: No, hurry up, their right outside my house.

911 DISPATCHER: OK. OK, we have police coming in emergency, OK?

911 DISPATCHER: Did you see the person who had the gun?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE CALLER: No, I just heard a loud gunshot, and then the screaming stopped.

911 DISPATCHER: OK, we have multiple officers in the area right now.

(END AUDIOTAPE)

SHARPTON: No name calling, no incendiary language, just the facts. A young man dead. The assailant says self defense. What is found on the young man, skittles and iced tea. Probably cause for an arrest. The assailant told don't follow him. He decides to follow him anyhow.

He's not law enforcement. He's not uniform. He has no league authority or right to intervene or interfere. Why has he not been arrested? We're coming from around the country this Thursday to Sanford Florida to stand together. Michael Base in the radio, Joe Madison, myself, mass action network, this family has only asked for justice. They have not called anybody names. They have acted in a dignified way. They deserve this nation's support, and we're coming to give it to them.

Joining me live from Sanford, Florida is NBC news correspondent Lilia Luciano.

Lilia, where does the case stand tonight?

LILIA LUCIANO, NBC NEWS CORRESPONDENT: Well, as we know, Reverend Sharpton, local police have stated that they cannot find enough evidence to issue an arrest. So, they handed the case over to the state attorney's office. Now, they're conducting their own investigation and it's up to the state attorney along with the Florida department of law enforcement to determine whether to file an arrest not to do so ore to hand the case over to a grand jury.

SHARPTON: Well, what evidence do they need to make an arrest?

LUCIANO: Well, they need to prove this was not self-defense and that is what they're evaluating now. Of course, the state attorney's office is not commenting on an ongoing investigation. That's their policy, either or they are staying how lone well their investigation take, how long they will take to complete it.

SHARPTON: Well again, I would differ with that, they don't have to prove anything. They have to have probable cause. But, let me ask you this, there was a stand for justice rally today by local law students, what are you seeing in the community down there?

LUCIANO: Well, that's right, today was very impressive. We had from 75 to 100 students, many if not most of them law students from around the state of Florida demanding an immediate arrest. I spoke to one of the students and she told me that the state attorney, the assistant state attorney was able to welcome a few of them, four of them into his office. He heard their concerns. I was also receiving confirmation from the state attorney's office that this happened, and that they're listening to their concerns but they are not releasing any information while the investigation continues.

Of course, we're also hearing pressure from other community leaders from local politician, local congresswoman that has been demanding that the department of justice be involved that they initiate their own investigation. Now, the congressional black caucus has joined in demanding an investigation from the department of justice. But the department of justice has not begun that investigation. They have not said that they will do so, not in the coming time.

Their community relation service will hold the meeting tomorrow. That is not an investigating body. So rising tension here especially to get the federal authorities and federal agencies involved.

SHARPTON: Well, thank you, Lilia.

Let me bring in now, joining me now is Jonathan Capehart, writer for "the Washington Post," who was just written a pile for column on this case today.

Jonathan, the congressional black caucus, mass action that we are going to see right groups would be calling on federal intervention and we are calling for an immediate arrest.

One of the things that is disturbing to me and you raise, is the police are not a judge and jury. They only determine if there is probably cause to make an arrest. If you have a young man dead, and you have no evidence at all that this young man did anything wrong, then what are they waiting on to make an arrest? This seems pretty strange, if not suspicious to me.

JONATHAN CAPEHART, WRITER, THE WASHINGTON POST: Well, it is strange. One of the things about this case -- how is it possible that a young man could be shot, killed, and the perpetrator, the alleged perpetrator, is allowed to talk to the police, and then is set free? He has moved out of his home. Publicly, no one knows where he is. And a lot of things that police, I understand, usually do during situations like this, drug and alcohol testing, and more extensive interviewing was never done. And the police have accepted George Zimmerman's story and let him go. That's the thing that's --

SHARPTON: Did police really take the place of a jury and a judge? I mean, there's clearly a case here that there is no doubt the young man was killed. There is no doubt by Zimmerman's admission that he did it, and there is no doubt that he was not under life extenuating circumstances unless iced tea and skittles are considered a threat.

CAPEHART: Right.

SHARPTON: So, I mean, it seems to me the police have more than enough to go with if they were looking to proceed.

CAPEHART: Right. But here is the crazy thing about Florida law, the stand your ground law, which is very, very broad. It allows people to defend themselves and claim self-defense if they feel they were in danger.

And so, you know, George Zimmerman could say to the police that he felt he was in danger. He pulled the trigger, and as we have seen, he did that, said it to the police, and now he is not in jail. He is not answering to law enforcement. And quite frankly, I think it's rather offensive that law enforcement is not saying, isn't talking publicly about this case to -- at a minimum make sure that people who are very, very concerned about this, very, very, concerned about what happened to Trayvon Martin have the information that they can at least possibly give out.

SHARPTON: Well, the other thing, Jonathan, on the stand your ground case, and I said anything and we will be dealing with this Thursday at the rally and going forward, that that law has to be challenged and examined. But even if you go by that law, which says anyone not committing a crime can use deadly force if threatened by death, or great bodily harm.

CAPEHART: Yes.

SHARPTON: Once you hear the tape, two things are glaring in the 911 tapes. One, he was told, Zimmerman, not to pursue the guy. Second, he said that he was following the guy. So, if he was following Trayvon, how could he feel he was under threat? He was pursuing Trayvon, Trayvon was not pursuing him.

CAPEHART: Right, he was pursuing him, and pursuing him with a 9milimeter weapon.

SHARPTON: And 100 pounds heavier than him.

CAPEHART: Exactly. Trayvon was 17 years old, young kid. George Zimmerman is 28-years-old. I guess head of the neighborhood watch program. A person who called the central police department 46 times, since January 1st 2011. This was a person by all accounts that I have read, was someone who viewed himself as sort of a proxy cop.

SHARPTON: Well, he also someone that had a (INAUDIBLE). He wanted to be a policeman, but he himself

assaulted a police officer in the past and the young man that has been killed has no record.

CAPEHART: Right. Exactly, one of the stories from "the Orlando Sun- Sentinel" had a terrific description of Trayvon from his English teacher who said that Trayvon Martin was an `A & B` student who majored in cheerfulness. How does someone who major in cheerfulness threaten someone who is a 100 pounds heavier than he is, eleven years older than he is and is carrying a 9mm weapon.

SHARPTON: Alright, Jonathan Capehart. Thank you for your time tonight.

Next, the family of Trayvon Martin, what do they say? We`ll talk with his father live. That`s next.

SHARPTON: Trayvon Martin`s father is fighting for justice for his son. We will talk to him live. That`s next.

SHARPTON: The case of Trayvon Martin calls for justice in many of us from national civil rights groups and national media will be in Florida this Thursday with a national rally to support this family.

Joining me now is Trayvon`s father, Trayvon Martin`s father, Tracy Martin, and also family attorney, Benjamin Crump.

Tracey. First of all, thank you for joining us, and let me say first and foremost that we give our condolences to you for your loss and all of your family. An secondly, I must commend you and Trayvon`s mother for the dignity in which you have handled this extremely difficult situation.

TRACY MARTIN, TRAYVON MARTIN`S FATHER: Yes, sir.

SHARPTON: I think that -- first of all, give people a sense of what the family is calling for, Mr. Martin?

MARTIN: First and foremost I would like to thank you for having me on. The family is calling for justice. We don`t want our son to be -- we don`t want our son`s death to be in vain. We`re looking for answers. We have not received any answers, and we just don`t understand, you know. I don`t have any understanding as to why my son is dead to this day.

SHARPTON: Now, attorney Crump, you and I, spoke and we worked on civil rights cases, I can`t for the life of me understand how they can justify not making an arrest. Arrest does not mean conviction, but clearly there is probably cause here even with this law that we would question. This is a national outrage to many of us.

BENJAMIN CRUMP, MARTIN FAMILY ATTORNEY: You`re absolutely right, Reverend Sharpton. They have so much evidence to just make an arrest. We have three witnesses now that has come forward to say that the voice you hear crying out for help before you hear that definite gunshot, is Trayvon Martin`s voice.

And the 911 tapes should clearly hear Zimmerman`s voice sounds like, and hear the voice as crying out for help.

SHARPTON: Right.

CRUMP: It is distinctly different. His father, his mother, his family have heard them for us and they all know that is Trayvon Martin.

And Reverend Sharpton, it makes no sense whatsoever. Everyone is America wants to know when this neighborhood association lose him and be arrest if the man did shot in cold blood. He had a 9mm gun.

SHARPTON: Right,

CRUMP: And Trayvon Martin had a bag of skittles. And we need everybody -- we thank you especially, Reverend

Sharpton, and people everywhere who say we want stand for this. We cannot let this man go out to America that you can kill a little minority child and nothing happens to you. George Zimmerman is free as a jay bird.

SHARPTON: No. And this could be our son, Tracy. This could be anyone. And when you look at this law, where they're saying if you feel you're under threat you can use deadly force, first of all, I think the law is outrageous.

But second of all, the law that I have on the screen as I read before, anyone not committing a crime can use deadly force. But anyone not committing a crime can use every force but there was nothing threatening that we have seen in any of this from your son.

And for this young man to be dead, and this man to pursue him. He is not a policeman. We do not even know if your son knew who he was or what he was or whether your son felt threatened.

To turn around and make him the victim is something that we cannot sit by and allow to happen. We have to stand with your family.

MARTIN: And to call Mr. Zimmerman the victim is a slap in the face to me and my family. It's a slap in the face to our community. My son was being attacked. He wasn't aggressive in this instance, and the Sanford police department is trying to make George Zimmerman out to be the victim. And the victim is clear, Trayvon Martin who is dead in the grave.

SHARPTON: Give me a sense of what kind of young man your son was.

MARTIN: He was very outgoing young man. He was an upbeat individual. I tried, you know, my best to groom him to be a upstanding citizen, to be that man that society doesn't want us to be. I wanted him to explore things, you know. He had admiration of being an aviation mechanic. Trayvon never had a run in with the law. He -- I was molding my son to be a man, a young man and that was taken away from me, taken away from his mother, and it's devastating.

SHARPTON: Attorney Crump, the congressional black caucus has called for justice department investigated this as a hate crime. We and mass action, we are going to groups to doing that. Someone asked me today about race. And I must say, I don't know Zimmerman, I'm not calling him awe name. I don't know his background. But I have to question whether the police department there, if it was reversed would have been as reluctant to make an arrest if it had been the other way around.

I do not, for the life of me, we have seen tycoons. We have seen the head of IMF taken off a plane and arrested, and then later we see whether or not there was an indictment. How can they not make an arrest in this case? What is going on there locally, and why does it seem like they're allowing probable cause to be dismissed and they're trying this in the secrecy of the police department?

CRUMP: Reverend Sharpton, you're absolutely right. There's enough probable cause here. It's one of those things when you really look at it. Race is the elephant in the room. That nobody really wants to talk about it, nobody really feels comfortable talking about it, but we know two things.

Number one, if Trayvon Martin would have been the shooter, he would have been arrested day one, hour one, right there on the spot, and he would still be in jail today. His father and mother would have to talk to him through a glass window.

Number two, if Trayvon Martin had been a white child, do you think the police would have not ran a background check on George Zimmerman? They did not even run a background check on him. They took his word even though he just shot Trayvon Martin, a human being in cold blood. And they knew that Trayvon did not have a weapon because they checked him and saw he has skittles, a can of iced tea and a phone, and that is it. And they took his word, Reverend Sharpton. And you have to ask if they would have done this any way else besides a little minority child.

SHARPTON: Well, I'm going to ask that and a lot of us are going to ask that. We want you to know, Mr. Martin that you're not alone. And attorney Crump can tell you, I don't believe in drive by activism. When we get in, we will be there until we see justice for your family. And you stand with attorney Crump, Jackson and all involved.

And thank you. I know it's painful for you to have to keep doing the interviews, but I thank you for coming forward tonight and we'll see you later this week in Florida.

MARTIN: Thank you, Reverend Sharpton.

SHARPTON: We'll be right back.

SHARPTON: The Republican senate prime man in Missouri is turning to a contest for the most out of touch Kennedy. In a recent radio interview, none of the candidates knew the federal minimum wage.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE REPORTER: Do you know what the minimum wage is?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: No, sir.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE REPORTER: OK. How about you?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: \$7.50 an hour.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE REPORTER: Do you know what the minimum wage is?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: My guess is that somewhere at six or seven, but I don't know the exact number.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

SHARPTON: But that doesn't matter. To them, they still want to keep the wage down or get rid of it all together.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE REPORTER: Are you in favor of increasing it?

UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: No, I'm not in favor of increasing it at this time. I think it's high enough as it is.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE: I don't think the government should setting prices on wages in any way shape or form.

(END VIDEO CLIP)

SHARPTON: The current minimum wage, 7.25 and hour is just above the poverty line for a single person. A person will makes a little more than \$15,000 a year. But you can't blame them for being on the dark on this one, none of them make anywhere near the minimum wage. In fact, one of the candidate's net worth is as much as a \$100 million. Folks, I can't picture one winner. They are all out of touch. So, congrats to the Missouri Republicans, at least you'll win one race this fall.

SHARPTON: Welcome back to POLITICS NATION, tomorrow, Willard Mitt Romney gets yet another chance to lock up this nomination with the Illinois primary, but so far, nothing has come easy. Even Willard's supporters don't seem all that well supportive.

(BEGIN VIDEO CLIP)