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4th Annual *BLACK ON BLACK CRIME SOLUTIONS* PANEL, Consists of Urban League T. Willard Fair, Miami-Dade Public Defender Carlos Martinez, and others.

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Press Release:

“Empowermentorship – The Power of Mentorship” is the theme for the 4th Annual Black On Black Crime Solutions Panel. The Broward County based organization has moved its momentum to Miami. Courage To Believe International is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization best known for their C2B Chess Club & Mentoring Program. As an at-risk youth mentoring group they were able to spread their wings south with an interesting group of panelist from both counties. They’ll be highlighting a

few of South Florida's most influential mentoring programs, some focus mainly on Haitian and Caribbean youth.

Every year, there are 6,000 to 9,000 violent black on black cases since 1980. This isn't to make light of the fact that there are hundreds of police brutality cases against the black community. Records show that gun violence in Miami-Dade had killed six children and 88 teenagers in the last three years. In 2016, Miami-Dade Medical Examiner's Office reported 80 out of the 94 gun homicide victims, who were ages 18 and under, were black males.

Hence, the first Annual Black On Black Crime Solutions Panel was given birth three years ago by King Kevin Dorival, mentor and author of the inspirational autobiography, *Courage To Believe*. Why? Something tangible needed to be done on the grassroots level. "I have over fifteen family and friends incarcerated. They're all young black men with children they can't raise while serving 15 years to life sentences in prison, and all of their cases have one common dominator – guns," says Mr. Dorival. Black males are playing checkers while the criminal justice system is playing chess.

Television host James Pierre, will be hosting the event – the panelist: President of Concerned of African Women Carolyn "Kiani" Nesbitt, Public Defender, Carlos Martinez, Urban League of Greater Miami President and CEO T. Willard Fair, and a surprise guest!

This free event will be held from 11am to 2pm on July 10, 2017, at Miami-Dade College/North Campus, located at 11380 NW 27th Ave, Miami, FL 33167. Featured performances by the world-renowned Bush family's B.G. Harmony, a young African-American symphony group! There will be live entertainment, food, and a chance for the community to ask some of the most influential people of South Florida questions. For more information on how you can support or volunteer, call: 954-263-8223, or visit: www.thecouragetobelieve.com.
