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Actor Kendrick Sampson, ACLU Activists, and Families of People Killed by Police to Lobby State Lawmakers on Use of Force Bill

AB 392 was introduced by Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego) to reduce the number of police shootings in the state by changing the law on when police officers can use deadly force.

SACRAMENTO—Actor and social justice activist Kendrick Sampson will join families of people killed by police and nearly 300 ACLU members from across the state in Sacramento next week to lobby lawmakers in support of Assembly Bill 392: The California Act to Save Lives.

WHAT: **ACLU Lobby Day Rally**

WHEN: **Monday, April 8, 2019 at 11:00am**

WHERE: **California State Capitol, North Steps on L and 11th Streets, Sacramento**

WHO: **Kendrick Sampson**, activist and actor from hit shows *How to Get Away with Murder* and *Insecure*
Assemblymember Shirley Weber (D-San Diego), AB 392 author
Assemblymember Jose Medina (D-Riverside), AB 392 co-author
Ciara Hamilton, cousin of [Diante Yarber](#), who was killed by Barstow police last year
Abre' Conner, ACLU of Northern California

BACKGROUND:

Police officers should never kill people when they have other options, but current California law authorizes them to do just that. AB 392 will require that officers only use deadly force when it is necessary to prevent immediate harm to themselves or others – that is, when there are no other safe and reasonable options available.

The bill will also require that officers use de-escalation tactics whenever possible. As a result, officers will have to be trained in the new use of force standard and de-escalation tactics. Finally, the bill will help make sure officers are held accountable when they violate the “necessary” standard through discipline, civil action, or possible criminal prosecution.

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The California Act to Save Lives is sponsored by the ACLU of California, Alliance for Boys and Men of Color/PolicyLink, Anti Police-Terror Project, Black Lives Matter – California, California Faculty

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