

their colleagues. Others have faced serious racial harassment, including death

want to bring against the police force.

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.....**BRITAIN'S Black cops have joined with the family of murdered teenager Stephen Lawrence in slamming the report into the police investigation of his murder.**

By Paul Macey

The Police Complaints Authority (PCA) report cleared the investigating police officers of racist conduct. But Paul Wilson, of The Black Police Association (BPA), which looks after the interests of Black officers in the force, told The Voice: "We remain unconvinced that those conducting the PCA inquiry possess the appropriate skills and under-



standing to determine whether institutionalised racism had any effect on the decisions made by those responsible for the murder investigation."

This view echoed that of Stephen's father, Neville Lawrence. After the report's publication last Monday he said: "There can't be any conclusion about racism until the findings of the Home Secretary's own judicial inquiry." A spokesman for the

PCA rejected the suggestion that their investigation did not take into account the issue of institutionalised racism.

"In the report we point out that a former chairman of the BPA was consulted on aspects of racism in the investigation, specifically to address this issue. By coincidence, one of the officers from the investigating Kent police force was Black and a very experienced murder detective."

However, leading academic and former police officer Professor Simon Holdaway, of Sheffield University, believes the police investigation exposed a serious lack of attention and the poor quality of policing which is bound to affect Black people in that area.