Separation

Sirens singing and

cars stopping.

Behind them, a police officer stops,

“show me your license and car registration”

While showing him, her dad shakes

and steps out of the car.

Handcuffs, more sirens,

flashing lights, he's done it all before.

All only to find out that there was

a broken tail light.

They got home,

he started lecturing them about

their skin color, more melanin,

different history,

more quote on quote “dangerous”,

all because of that.

Their brother, gone because of gang violence,

the police's response was a reward,

a reward for whoever comes out,

there was no investigation and

more hearts were broken.

Separation.

There's a misconception or

belief among people that police officers are

failing to protect the community.

In all reality

Interactions within society establish a

common understanding between people

and police. Effort, we need more.