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**Family of Emmitt Till  
Respond to Burr Oak Cemetery**

Today the family of Emmitt Till expressed outrage about the recent occurrence of events involving Burr Oak Cemetery. The family placed its confidence and trust in officials at Burr Oak believing that a memorial would be built to honor the legacy of the young boy whose life sparked the civil rights movement in America. The family learned only yesterday that the original casket of Emmitt Till, which was to be honored in the memorial at Burr Oak, has not been preserved in accordance with the agreement between Burr Oak and the family.

While Emmitt Till may be one of the most well-known persons laid to rest at Burr Oak, the family recognizes the pain that all families are experiencing at this time. The family plans to take appropriate legal action to preserve the legacy of Emmitt Till.