

SAY THEIR NAMES

All the persons named in this list as being recipients of violence are persons of color.

This list is not complete. The names and circumstances listed here represent a tiny percentage of the innumerable encounters involving violence on the part of police toward persons of color.

In November, 2011, in White Plains, NY, Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr, was fatally shot by police after they forced entry into his home. His LifeAid medical alert necklace had been inadvertently triggered. Despite his objections that he did not need help, the police broke down his door, tasered him, shot him with a bean bag round, and finally shot him twice with live ammunition. A grand jury decided to bring no criminal charges against the police. A jury found the city and police department not liable. Federal investigators decided to bring no charges. In June 2020, an appellate court ruling restored claims of non-lethal excessive force and unlawful entry. The ruling came during nationwide protests following the death of George Floyd. The LifeAid recording of the police attack on Mr. Chamberlain captures one of the policemen calling him by a racial slur. The police transcript of the event omitted this word. Mr. Chamberlain, 68, was a retired Marine. In August, 2023, White Plains settled with the Chamberlain family for \$5 million. Mr. Chamberlain's son said the family will establish a foundation to fight for police reform, transparency, and accountability.

In February 2012, Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old high school student with an interest in aviation, was killed by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer, in Sanford, Florida, while walking back from a convenience store after buying Skittles and a soft drink. Zimmerman, invoking Florida's "stand your ground" law, was acquitted in July of 2013. That is when Black Lives Matter began.

In April 2014, Dontre Hamilton, 31, who had a history of mental illness and was sleeping in a park when approached by police, was shot 14 times and killed in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

In July 2014, Eric Garner died as a result of being put into a chokehold and pinned to the ground by police in Staten Island, New York City, accused of selling single cigarettes outside a beauty supply store. In August, 2019, Daniel Pantaleo, who strangled Garner, was fired from his job.

In August 2014, Michael Brown was shot and killed by police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, MO, leading to protests in Ferguson and around the nation against the systemic targeting and oppression of black communities by police. Wilson was not charged with any offense. In September 2014, the U.S. Justice Department began an investigation of the Ferguson police department, and its report stated that officers in Ferguson routinely discriminated against African American residents.

In August 2014, John Crawford III was killed by police while carrying a b-b gun that Walmart was selling, inside Walmart, in Beavercreek, Ohio, an open-carry state. A woman in the store

died of a heart attack fleeing the police shooting. Crawford's girlfriend was harshly interrogated by police and died months later in a car crash. Police were never indicted.

In October 2014, 17-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times in Chicago. Jason Van Dyke, the policeman who killed him, had 20 previous citizen complaints in his file. In October 2018, Van Dyke was found guilty of 2nd degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery. He was sentenced to 6.75 years in prison.

In November 2014, 12-year-old Tamir Rice was killed within seconds of police arriving at the park where he was playing with a replica toy gun in Cleveland. When Tamir's 14-year-old sister arrived at the scene, the police forced her to the ground, handcuffed her, and placed her in the back of the patrol car. When his mother arrived, the police threatened to arrest her if she did not calm down. A grand jury declined to indict the policeman who killed Tamir, who in his previous job as a police officer in a Cleveland suburb had been deemed emotionally unstable and unfit for duty.

In February 2015, Sureshbhai Patel, a 57-year-old Indian national who was visiting his son in Madison, AL, was seriously injured while being assaulted and detained by police officers in a residential neighborhood. He had come to Madison a week prior to visit his son and assist with caring for his grandson. He was taking a stroll outside his son's home when a neighborhood resident called police and reported a "skinny black man" in the neighborhood. In a few minutes Patel was approached by two police officers. Officer Eric Parker asked Patel for his identification. Patel responded by explaining repeatedly that he was from India and did not know English. The police video shows Parker using a leg sweep to throw Patel, who weighed 130 lbs and was not resisting, to the ground face first with his hands behind his back, ninety seconds after the encounter began. Patel was hospitalized and underwent surgery and rehabilitation. He is partially paralyzed. Charges against Parker resulted in acquittal or mistrial. When the courts permitted another trial to move forward, the City of Madison made a monetary settlement with Mr Patel. Parker was fired from the Madison Police Department in 2015 but reinstated in 2016. He later took employment as an officer at another department in Alabama.

In March 2015, Anthony Hill, 26, a seven-medal U.S. Air Force veteran suffering from mental illness, who had stopped taking his medications because of side effects, believing he would be able to see his VA doctor promptly, was shot and killed in Chamblee, GA, near Atlanta, while unarmed and behaving erratically. The officer who shot him, Robert Olsen, was found guilty of assault but not guilty of murder in October, 2019.

In April 2015, Walter Scott was killed while running away from police in Charleston. In 2017, Michael Slager, the police officer who killed Scott, was sentenced by a federal judge to 20 years in prison. In January 2019, a federal appeals court upheld the sentence. In April, 2021, Federal Judge Richard Gergel declined Slager's motion to set his sentence aside, saying "What sealed petitioner's fate... was not the language of his plea agreement or the performance of his defense counsel, but his own willful act of shooting an unarmed man in the back five times as he ran for his life... Compounding these horrible facts was petitioner's

inconsistent and obviously false statements about the circumstances of the incident, with which he destroyed his credibility.” Gergel wrote that Slager, during a sentencing hearing, “attempted to blame the victim,” and now was trying to “blame his defense counsel and the trial judge... But a careful review of this entire tragic episode makes plain that petitioner has no one to blame for his present predicament and sentence but himself... Petitioner is the architect of his own demise.”

In April 2015, Freddie Gray was killed by police in Baltimore by being subjected to brutal force while being falsely arrested, then being slung around inside a police van while his hands were handcuffed behind his back and he was not secured by a seatbelt. He was refused medical treatment and his spinal cord was cut nearly in two at his neck. None of the six officers involved in the killing was convicted of any crime.

In July 2015, Samuel DuBose was shot and killed by a University of Cincinnati policeman after being stopped for a missing license plate.

In July 2015, Sandra Bland died in jail in Waller County, Texas, after being stopped by police and brutally arrested for a minor traffic violation.

In October 2015, Corey Jones, a well-known musician of Lake Worth, FL, was waiting for a tow truck in his disabled van when police officer Nouman Raja drove up the off ramp of the interstate in an unmarked car and, not in uniform and without identifying himself, approached Jones aggressively. He shot at Jones six times, hitting him three times, and Jones died at the scene. In March, 2019, Raja was convicted of manslaughter and attempted murder. In April, 2019, he was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

In February 2016, Gregory Gunn, 58, unarmed, was fatally shot by policeman Aaron Cody Smith, 23, in Montgomery, AL. The Montgomery District Attorney’s Office, in conjunction with the State Bureau of Investigations, charged Smith with murder following an investigation in which Smith said he had no probable cause to stop, detain, tase, or strike Gunn, all of which he did. He also shot him five times at close range on his neighbor’s front porch. In August, 2019, after nine judges in Montgomery County had recused themselves, the case was assigned to retired judge Patrick McLauchlin from Dale County. McLauchlin moved the trial to Dale County, which is majority white, while Montgomery County is majority black. The case came to trial in late 2019, and Smith was found guilty of manslaughter. In January 2020, he was sentenced to 14 years in prison. An appeal was denied in May 2021.

In July 2016, Alton Sterling was killed by police at point-blank range while being held on the ground in Baton Rouge. No officers were indicted.

In July 2016, Philando Castile was killed in front of his girlfriend and her four-year-old daughter while sitting in his car in Minneapolis. The policeman who killed him was acquitted in June 2017.

On September 16, 2016, Terence Crutcher was shot and killed by police officer Betty Jo Shelby in Tulsa. Shelby was charged with first degree manslaughter and found not guilty.

On September 20, 2016, Keith Lamont Scott was shot and killed by police in Charlotte. No officers were charged.

White Birminghamians for Black Lives' first witness took place on September 23, 2016.

In September 2016, 13-year-old Ty're King was killed by police in Columbus, OH.

In October 2016, 18-year-old Carnell Snell, was killed by police in Los Angeles.

In October 2016, Deborah Danner, an emotionally disturbed woman, was shot and killed in her Bronx apartment. Sgt Hugh Barry was tried for her murder but acquitted February 2018.

In November 2016, Michelle Shirley, a woman who spoke openly about living with bipolar disorder, was killed by police who shot multiple times into the car she was driving erratically in Torrance, CA.

In November 2016, Ariel Galarza, a mentally ill man in Bronx, NY, was tasered by police 3 times in less than a minute and died of cardiac arrest. He was holding a bottle of hot sauce. There was no prosecution.

In March 2017, Elena Mondragon, 16, was shot and killed by police in Hayward, CA, while riding in the car with a 19-year-old suspect that the police said was wanted in a stolen vehicle case. The police were not in uniform, and shot into the moving car in which four people were riding. The 19-year-old man has been charged with murder in Mondragon's death although he was unarmed and fired no shots. The police have returned to work.

In March 2017, in Chico, CA, Desmond Phillips, 25, was shot and killed by police after his father called them because Desmond was having a mental health crisis. The family said that officers did not use de-escalation techniques. Police tasered Desmond, and discharged 16 bullets, 10 of which struck Desmond.

In April 2017, 15-year-old Jordan Edwards of Dallas was shot in the back of the head by police officer Roy Oliver while riding in the front passenger seat of a car of teenagers leaving a party. In August 2018, Oliver was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

In May 2017, Adam Trammell of West Milwaukee, 22, who suffered from schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, died after being tasered 15 to 18 times while naked and in the shower in his home after police broke into the apartment calling him by the wrong name, responding to a report of a man behaving incoherently. Some of the shocks were administered after he

had been handcuffed. No charges were brought against the two police officers who killed Trammell. They were returned to active duty two months after the killing.

In June 2017, Charleena Lyles of Seattle, a mentally ill woman, was shot seven times and killed in her apartment after calling the police. She was pregnant and her four children were in the apartment.

In July 2017, Dejuan Guillory was shot in the back while on the ground following a police officer's command on a rural road in Mamou, LA. His girlfriend DeQuince Brown was charged with attempted murder of the policeman for trying to fight him off Dejuan after he shot him the first time.

In July 2017, Euree Lee Martin, 58, was tasered to death while committing no crime and walking along Deepstep Rd in Sandersville, GA, about 120 mi SE of Atlanta, by three white sheriffs deputies, Michael Howell, Henry Copeland, and Rhett Scott. They were fired and indicted in October 2017. The indictments were dismissed February 2018.

In July 2017, Ledarius Johnson of Sylacauga, AL, 25, was killed by being tasered by police.

In August 2017, Patrick Harmon of Salt Lake City was shot in the back by police as he ran away. The shooting was ruled justified.

In September 2017, Magdiel Sanchez, 35, who was deaf and did not use language, was shot several times and killed by two white Oklahoma City policemen when they arrived at his home looking for the driver in a hit-and-run accident. He was sitting on his porch holding a pipe with a leather loop on it, which his neighbor said he carried because of stray dogs. He approached the police. Neighbors yelled to the police that he was deaf and could not hear their orders.

In September 2017, over 300 protesters were arrested by St. Louis police wearing riot gear during protests of the acquittal of policeman Jason Stockley of the murder of Anthony Lamar Smith in December 2011.

In September 2017, Alfred Olango died after being shot several times and tasered by police in El Cajon, CA. His sister had called the police because of his need for psychiatric help. He was holding a vape cigarette and the police said they thought he was armed.

In October 2017, John Robert Payne was killed by Homewood, AL, police in front of his two employees behind a building that his cleaning company had a contract to clean.

In March 2018, Stephon Clark, 22, was shot at 20 times and killed in his grandparents' back yard in Sacramento, CA, by police who mistook his cell phone for a gun. Eight bullets entered his body. In March, 2019, the district attorney announced that no charges would be brought against the police officers involved in his killing. In August, 2019, spurred by public outcry following Stephon's death, California adopted a new use-of-force law requiring police

to use deadly force only “when necessary in defense of human life,” rather than allowing them to use deadly force whenever they are fearful.

In April 2018, Saheed Vassell, 34, who was known in his neighborhood to have mental health problems, was shot by police in Brooklyn for aiming a welding torch like a pistol. The police shot at him 10 times. The New York Attorney General decided in April, 2019, that no charges would be filed against the police.

In April 2018, Diante Yarber, 26, was shot and killed by police in Barstow, CA. He was unarmed and had driven his cousin and friends to Walmart. The police, who said Yarber was a suspect in a stolen vehicle case, fired 30 times into the car. A 23-year-old woman in the car was shot in the stomach and leg.

In June 2018, Antwon Rose II, 17, was shot and killed by police officer Michael Rosfeld in East Pittsburgh, PA, while running away from the car he had been riding in that was stopped by police looking for perpetrators of a drive-by shooting. Antwon was not armed and was shot three times in the back. Rosfeld was charged with homicide and found not guilty in a jury trial in March 2019.

In July 2018, Harith Augustus, 37, a neighborhood barber, was fatally shot by police in Chicago. Community activists said the killing was unwarranted.

On July 26, 2018, Daniel Hambrick was shot three times in the back and killed while running away, by officer Andrew Delke in North Nashville, TN.

In September 2018, off-duty police officer Amber Guyger entered the Dallas, TX, apartment of Botham Jean and shot him dead, saying that she had entered his apartment rather than her own by mistake, and thought he was a burglar. In October, 2019, Guyger was found guilty of murder and sentenced to 10 years in prison.

On October 3, 2018, Chinedu Okobi was tasered to death by officers of the San Mateo County (CA) Sheriff’s Office. He was walking on the sidewalk and causing no disturbance when he was stopped. He offered no resistance, and called out “Someone please help me!” and “What did I do?” Two other people were also tasered to death by police in San Mateo County in 2018; no officers have been charged.

On November 11, 2018, Jemel Roberson was shot and killed by Midlothian, IL, police, outside Chicago. He was working as a security guard and had subdued a shooter. He was wearing his uniform and holding a firearm he was licensed to carry. Bystanders shouted to police that Jemel was security, not the shooter.

On November 22, 2018, Emantic Bradford, Jr., known as E.J., was shot and killed by Hoover, AL, police in the Galleria mall. The Hoover Police Department at first said that E.J. had shot and wounded a 12-year-old girl and an 18-year-old boy. The following day they corrected their statement to say that E.J. had not fired his gun. Autopsies show that E.J. was shot

three times from the back. Alabama State Attorney General Steve Marshall announced in February, 2019, that no charges will be brought against the police officer who did the shooting. In March, E.J.'s family, joined by AL ACLU and the AL NAACP sued the AL Attorney General and the Hoover Police Department for the release of records including body camera footage, and for the identities of the officers present at the shooting including the officer who shot E.J.

On February 8, 2019, rapper Willie McCoy of Vallejo, CA, was sleeping in his car outside Taco Bell. Six police officers fired 20 shots into the car, killing him. Video footage shows he was not exhibiting threatening behavior when the police opened fire.

On March 28, 2019, in Austin, TX, Javier Ambler II died after being tasered four times by deputies who arrested him for failing to dim his headlights. A film crew for "Live PD" was present during the arrest. Ambler was 40 years old, a father of two, a former college football player, and a former postal worker. Body camera video from one of the officers captures Ambler saying that he is trying to follow their commands, and saying "I can't breathe," "Please save me," "I have congestive heart failure," and "I am not resisting." Margaret Moore, district attorney for Travis County, which includes the part of Austin where Ambler died, said she has questions about why the sheriff's office initiated the pursuit. "It is of very serious concern to any of us who are in law enforcement that the decision to engage in that chase was driven by more of a need to provide entertainment than to keep Williamson County citizens safe," she said. An internal affairs investigation by the Williamson County sheriff's department found that the deputies violated no policies.

In May, 2019, Ronald Greene was arrested by Louisiana State Police in rural north Louisiana, and died during the arrest. Troopers initially blamed Greene's death on injuries from a car crash at the end of a chase, but body camera footage released more than a year after his death shows that Greene was verbally abused and violently handled. He was choked and beaten, a stun gun was discharged into him three times, and he was dragged across pavement face down by leg shackles. Greene, a barber who had lived for years in central Florida, had learned shortly before his death that the cancer he had battled for 2 years had gone into remission. In response to public outrage over the killing and the cover-up, charges were brought in December, 2022, against five police officers involved in Mr. Greene's death. The Justice Department is conducting an investigation into the Louisiana State Police for abusive and discriminatory behavior as a result of the killing.

In May, 2019, Aaron Larry Bowman was beaten by Louisiana State Police trooper Jacob Brown. Bowman suffered a broken jaw, three fractured ribs, a broken wrist and a gash to his head while being clubbed with a flash light while pinned to the ground following a traffic stop. The assault occurred less than three weeks after the killing of Ronald Greene by troopers in the same unit as Brown. Despite being in possession of body camera footage of the beating, State Police did not open an investigation into Bowman's arrest for 536 days. The video of the beating was intentionally mislabeled by police in order to hide it. Brown had previously been involved in 23 instances that involved use of force, dating to 2015 — 19 of them targeting Black people. In September, 2021, the U.S. Justice Department indicted

Brown for deprivation of rights under colour of law. In August, 2023, a federal jury acquitted him of the charge.

On August 24, 2019, Elijah McClain was arrested by police and paramedics in Aurora, CO. The three 3 police officers involved, Nathan Woodyard, Jason Rosenblatt and Randy Roedema, all said that their body cameras fell off during the incident. Audio recordings were made. A citizen called police because McClain was wearing a ski mask and moving his arms. He sometimes wore a mask to keep warm and moved in dance while listening to music. McClain was a 23-year-old massage therapist and musician who had never been arrested or charged with a crime. He was walking home to his apartment from a nearby store. Police pinned him to the ground for 15 minutes and applied a chokehold in spite of his crying, vomiting, begging, and stating that he could not breathe. Paramedics Jeremy Cooper and Peter Cichuniec injected the 140-lb McClain with a dose of ketamine for a 190-lb person. He died seven days later on August 30. News of the killing surfaced nationally after the death of George Floyd in May of 2020. In February, 2021, a panel of medical and legal experts appointed by the Aurora City Council to issue a report on the matter, concluded that there had been no justification to stop McClain or to use force against him. McClain's last words as he was being restrained, were "I can't breathe. I have my ID right here. My name is Elijah McClain. That's my house. I was just going home. I'm an introvert. I'm just different. That's all. I'm so sorry. I have no gun. I don't do that stuff. I don't do any fighting. Why are you attacking me? I don't even kill flies! I don't eat meat! But I don't judge people, I don't judge people who do eat meat. Forgive me. All I was trying to do was become better. I will do it. I will do anything. Sacrifice my identity, I'll do it. You all are phenomenal. You are beautiful and I love you. Try to forgive me. I'm a mood Gemini. I'm sorry. I'm so sorry. Ow, that really hurt! You are all very strong. Teamwork makes the dream work. Oh, I'm sorry, I wasn't trying to do that. [He had vomited.] I just can't breathe correctly." In September, 2021, following an 8-month grand jury investigation, the three police officers and two paramedics were indicted for manslaughter, criminally negligent homicide, and other charges in a 32-count indictment.

On October 12, 2019, Atatiana Jefferson of Fort Worth, TX, a pre-med graduate of Xavier University, was killed inside her home by police who responded to a non-emergency call from Ms. Jefferson's neighbor asking for authorities to check on her because the front door of the home was open. Ms. Jefferson was playing video games with her 8-year-old nephew, Zion. Police parked around the corner and entered the property, did not knock on the door or identify themselves, walked to the back of the home, and shot her through the window of her bedroom within 4 seconds of seeing her. In December, 2022, Aaron Dean, who shot and killed Ms. Jefferson, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to prison for 11 years, 10 months and 12 days. Eleven years was Zion's age at the time of the sentencing, and Ms. Jefferson was killed on the 12th day of the 10th month.

On February 23, 2020, Ahmaud Arbery, a black man jogging in Brunswick, GA, was shot and killed by two white men, father and son Gregory and Travis McMichael, who chased him in their pick-up truck and blocked his path because they saw him running. They were not arrested until May 7, when video of the encounter became public. In June, 2020, the McMichael's and William "Roddie" Bryan, Jr, who filmed the encounter, were indicted by a

grand jury for malice murder, felony murder, aggravated assault, and false imprisonment. In April, 2021, the three men were indicted by a federal grand jury in the Southern District of Georgia with hate crimes and attempted kidnapping. In September, 2021, former District Attorney Jackie Johnson was indicted with obstruction of a police officer and violating her oath of office for protecting Arbery's killers from arrest and failing to treat the Arbery family with respect. In November 2021 the three men were convicted of felony murder, aggravated assault, false imprisonment and criminal attempt to commit false imprisonment. Travis McMichael was also convicted of malice murder. In January, 2022, the McMichaels were sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole plus 20 years, and Bryan was sentenced to life imprisonment with the possibility of parole after 30 years. In February, 2022, the three men were found guilty in a federal court of attempted kidnapping and the hate crime of interference with rights. The McMichaels were also convicted of one count using firearms during a crime of violence. In the aftermath of the murder, Georgia enacted hate crimes legislation and replaced its citizen's arrest law.

On March 3, 2020, Manuel Ellis, 33, died after being arrested, tasered, beaten and restrained by officers in Tacoma, WA. Ellis pleaded, "I can't breathe," before dying in the minutes after his arrest. He was a church musician and the father of two, who had struggled with addiction and mental health issues.

On March 13, 2020, Breonna Taylor of Louisville, KY, was shot 6 times and killed in her home in the early morning hours by police who had entered her apartment using a "no knock" search warrant and a battering ram, looking for someone who did not live there and was already in custody. On September 23, 2020, the Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron announced that only one of the officers involved would be charged, and that the charge against him was not for Breonna's death. Several members of the grand jury accused Cameron of hiding evidence from and manipulating the grand jury to cover up what happened. In August, 2022, four officers involved in the raid were federally charged with violating Taylor's civil rights, unlawful conspiracy, obstruction, and unconstitutional use of force.

On March 23, 2020, in Rochester, NY, Daniel Prude, who was having a psychotic episode, stopped breathing when police placed a mesh hood over his head and pressed his face into the street, holding him there for two minutes. He had bolted outside in the middle of the cold night, naked, leaving the apartment of his brother, who had sought medical help for him earlier in the day. Mr. Prude died a week later at the hospital. Rochester police suppressed information about the killing until September. The seven police officers involved were suspended and the matter sent to a grand jury, which declined to indict any of them.

On April 21, 2020, in Houston, TX, Nicolas Chavez, 27, was shot and killed by police responding to a "suicide in progress" call. Twenty-four shots were fired at Chavez, an apparently emotionally disturbed man who was on the ground wounded and incapacitated. Only 3 of the shots were deemed "objectively reasonable." Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo said "You don't get to shoot somebody 21 times, because . . . when we discharged

those 21 rounds, Mr. Chavez was at his greatest level of incapacitation. I cannot defend that.” Of the multiple officers on the scene, four have been fired.

On April 24, 2020, Michael Ramos died after being shot by two police officers in Austin, TX. He was standing outside a car, facing police with his hands up, shouting that he did not have a gun, when shot by the first shot, a “bean bag” round. He sat down in the car, closed the door, started the car and began pulling slowly away from the direction of the police, who then shot 3 times with a rifle, killing Ramos. In March, Christopher Taylor, who shot and killed him, was charged with murder.

On May 25, 2020, George Floyd was killed by Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who knelt with his knee in Floyd’s neck for over eight minutes while Floyd repeatedly stated that he could not breathe and begged for his life. Initial police reports covered up the involved officers’ actions but video was taken by several bystanders. The four involved officers have been fired and charged with crimes. Chauvin has been charged with second degree murder, the other three with aiding and abetting second degree murder. Floyd was arrested after a convenience store employee called 911 and told police that Mr. Floyd had bought cigarettes with a counterfeit \$20 bill. He did not resist arrest. In April, 2021, Chauvin was convicted by a jury of second-degree unintentional murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter and sentenced to 22.5 years in prison.

On June 1, 2020, David McAtee, was shot and killed when police officers and National Guard soldiers shot into a crowd of demonstrators in Louisville, KY. The demonstrators were responding to the Louisville death of Breonna Taylor and the Minneapolis killing of George Floyd. McAtee, a beloved pillar of the West End community of Louisville, owned a bar-b-q business that operated at the corner where the demonstration was taking place.

On June 12, 2020, Rayshard Brooks was shot twice in the back by Atlanta police officer Garrett Rolfe. Brooks had fallen asleep in the drive-thru of a Wendy’s and attempted to flee after being forced to take a breathalyzer exam. During the discussion with Rolfe before the exam, Brooks had offered to walk to his sister’s home two blocks away rather than operate his vehicle. He was on probation and could have been returned to prison for driving under the influence. After shooting Brooks twice in the back as he fled, Rolfe was filmed kicking him. The officer who accompanied Rolfe, Devin Brosnan, stood on his body. Rolfe has been charged with felony murder and ten other offenses. Brosnan has been charged with aggravated assault and violation of oath. They are free on bond. Rolfe was fired from his position after the shooting but the dismissal was reversed.

On August 7, 2020, Julian Edward Roosevelt Lewis, 60, was shot and killed by Georgia Trooper Jacob Thompson in Screven County in southeastern Georgia. Thompson attempted to stop Lewis for a burned-out tail light. When Lewis did not stop, Thompson forced his vehicle into a ditch and shot him once in the face, killing him in the vehicle. His family said that Lewis, a skilled carpenter, had gone to the store to get his wife a soda, and that they believe that instead of stopping immediately he was driving to the nearby home of his uncle so that the police interaction would be witnessed. On August 14, Thompson was fired,

arrested, and charged with felony murder and aggravated assault. However, in June, 2021, a grand jury refused to indict him on any of the charges.

On August 30, 2020, in Kenosha, Wisconsin, Jacob Blake was shot 7 times in the back at close range by policeman Rusten Sheskey. Blake was entering his vehicle through the driver's door when Sheskey shot him from behind. Blake, whose three small sons were in the vehicle, will likely suffer permanent paralysis. The Kenosha County district attorney announced on January 5, 2021, that no charges will be filed against Sheskey.

On Sept 13, 2020, in Lancaster, PA, Ricardo Munoz was shot dead by police after the family had called the non-emergency number for help with dealing with the mental health crisis he was experiencing. The family had tried for years without success to find support from Pennsylvania's behavioral health services programs for treating Munoz' schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

On October 3, 2020, Jonathan Price, 31, was shot and killed by Wolfe City, TX, police officer Shaun Lucas inside a convenience store where Price was attempting to quell a fight. Lucas shot Price four times and was charged with murder on October 5. Wolfe City residents widely reported antagonistic behavior from Lucas toward residents before the killing.

On October 20, 2020, Marcellis Stinnette, 19, was shot and killed by police in Waukegan, IL. He and his partner, Tafara Williams, had been sitting in their car to smoke shortly after having put their baby to bed. They were not involved in any criminal activity and were not armed. Ms. Williams was shot and seriously injured; Mr. Stinnette died after being transported to the hospital. The policeman who shot them was fired. The investigation is being conducted by the Illinois State Police and the FBI.

On October 26, 2020, Walter Wallace, Jr, 27, was shot and killed by police outside his home in Philadelphia. Wallace suffered from mental illness and was having a mental health crisis. Police had been to the home twice earlier in the day, and the family had called again, requesting an ambulance. Police came instead, and two police officers shot at Wallace around 7 times each. He had been armed with a knife.

On November 13, 2020, Angelo Crooms, 16, and Sincere Pierce, 18, were shot and killed by a sheriff's deputy in Cocoa, FL. The car was moving slowly at the time. Deputy Jafet Miranda fired 10 shots, killing the two teens. The lawyer for the families said that the teens were terrified and were trying to drive around the deputies. "Out of harm's way, the deputy moved closer to get a better shot," and fired with the "intent to kill," and "then kept firing as the car passed by," Att. Ben Crump wrote. The deputies thought the car might have been stolen. It was not. The FL State Attorney declined to bring charges against Miranda. Att. Crump has called for Justice Department investigations.

On December 4, 2020, in Columbus, OH, Casey Goodson, 23, was shot and killed by Jason Meade, a sheriff's deputy assigned to a U.S. Marshals Service fugitive task force. Goodson was not being sought by police, and was entering the side door of his home carrying a

Subway sandwich and his car keys when he was gunned down. He was returning from the dentist, according to his family. His grandmother and two toddlers witnessed his killing. An autopsy reports showed he was shot six times in the torso from behind. Meade has been charged with murder and reckless homicide and is scheduled to go on trial in October, 2023.

On December 11, 2020, Bennie Edwards was shot in the back as he ran away from police in Oklahoma City, OK. Mr. Edwards had struggled with mental illness and was carrying a knife. When he turned and ran, Sgt. Clifford Holman shot him three times, killing him. Holman was charged with first degree manslaughter in February, 2021. Charges were dropped in August, 2023, by Oklahoma County District Attorney Vicki Behenna, who said police can use deadly force even on a fleeing suspect.

On December 22, 2020, in Columbus, OH, Andre Maurice Hill, 47, was shot and killed by policeman Adam Coy within 10 seconds of Coy's spotting Hill inside the garage of a house where he was a guest. No medical assistance was immediately offered to Mr. Hill, who died a short time later at a hospital. A neighbor had called police about an SUV that had been parked on the street with its motor running for about half an hour. In February, 2021, Coy was indicted for murder in the commission of a felony, felonious assault, and two counts of dereliction of duty.

On March 29, 2021, in Chicago, Adam Toledo, 13, was shot and killed while running from police. He had tossed a gun away and turned to face police with his hands up as commanded, when he was killed. No criminal charges have been filed against Eric Stillman, who shot him, and as of July, 2023, he is still employed by the Chicago Police Department. Disciplinary charges are pending.

On April 4, 2021, in Birmingham, AL, Desmon Ray, Jr, 28, was killed by police.

On April 11, 2021, in Brooklyn Center, MN, Daunte Wright, 20, was killed during a traffic stop by police officer Kimberly Potter, who intended to tase him but shot him with her gun instead. She resigned from the police department, was charged, tried, and found guilty of first- and second-degree manslaughter, and sentenced to two years in prison.

On April 12, 2021, Anthony Thompson, 17, was shot and killed by Knoxville, TN, police in the bathroom of his high school after the mother of his girlfriend had called police concerned about physical violence in their relationship.

On April 12, 2021, in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, Andrew Brown, 42, was shot and killed by police while in his car, driving away. He was unarmed, and was killed by a bullet that struck him in the back of his head.

On April 20, 2021, Ma'Khia Bryant, 16, was shot and killed by police in Columbus, OH, after calling the police for help during an altercation with other teenagers. No charges in the shooting have been filed.

On February 2, 2022, Amir Locke, 22, was shot and killed by SWAT officers of the Minneapolis Police Department inside an apartment in Minneapolis, MN, where police were executing a no-knock warrant in a homicide investigation. Locke was not named in the search warrant and was not a target of the investigation. He did not live in the apartment and was asleep on the sofa when police broke in. He was shot within ten seconds of their entering the apartment. He had a license and a permit for the gun which police said justified the shooting.

On February 23, 2022, Keleen Connell, 27, was shot and killed by Birmingham police. The family and Black Lives Matter in Birmingham are asking for body camera footage.

On April 4, 2022, Patrick Lyoya, 26, a refugee from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, was shot in the back of the head and killed by police officer Christopher Schurr in Grand Rapids, MI. He was being held on his stomach on the ground by Schurr when he was shot. After viewing footage of the incident, Lyoya's father stated "I witnessed this thing in Africa. I never expected to see it happen in America." Schurr has been charged with second degree murder.

On April 25, 2022, Herman Whitfield III, 39, who was experiencing a mental health crisis, died when 5 officers of the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police responded to a call from his parents for assistance. The police handcuffed him naked and tased him while face down on the floor. Body camera footage recorded him saying, "I can't breathe." He died shortly after arriving at a hospital. The Marion County Coroner's Office ruled the death a homicide. Whitfield's family said that their son did not present a danger to the police, and that he needed professional mental health care, not the use of deadly force. Only two of the officers have been indicted. They are scheduled to be tried in January, 2024.

On May 14, 2022, white supremacist and promoter of the far-right "Great Replacement" conspiracy theory, Payton Gendron, 18, entered the Tops Friendly Market grocery store in Buffalo, NY, and shot and killed ten black people. He had targeted Buffalo because it was the city with the most black residents closest to his home, which was 200 miles away. He then selected the zip code within Buffalo with the most black residents. Then he had chosen the only grocery store in the neighborhood. Among those killed were a retired police lieutenant, a substitute teacher who was a "pillar of the community," a grandmother of six, and a well-known community activist. Those killed were Celestine Chaney, 65; Roberta Drury, 32; Andre Mackniel, 53; Katherine Massey, 72; Margus Morrison, 52; Heyward Patterson, 67; Aaron Salter, Jr, 55; Geraldine Talley, 62; Ruth Whitfield, 86; and Pearl Young, 77.

On June 27, 2022, Jayland Walker, 25, was shot and killed by Akron, OH, police while running away, following an attempted traffic stop and a car chase. He was unarmed at the time of the shooting. He was fired at 90 times and sustained 46 wounds to his body. In April, 2023, a grand jury declined to indict the officers.

On July 16, 2022, Robert Adams, 23, was fatally shot as he ran from police in San Bernardino, CA. Police fired seconds after arriving in an unmarked car at the parking lot

where Adams was standing, talking with another person. The police exited the car with their guns pointed at him. Adams fled and was shot in the back.

In September 2022, Lashawn Thompson died in jail due to what his family called unsanitary conditions and complications from insect bites. He had been held for a misdemeanor charge for three months in the psychiatric wing of the Fulton County, GA, Jail. The chief jailer and two assistant chief jailers resigned. The family is demanding a criminal investigation and that the jail to be closed. Sheriff Patrick Labat has announced an emergency expenditure to address the jail's "infestation of bed bugs, lice, and other vermin," and that measures will be taken "to address an outbreak of infectious illnesses" at the jail. He also said that 600 inmates would be transferred to other facilities but did not say where or when the transfers would take place.

Between January 2 and January 3, 2023, police officers with the Los Angeles Police Department killed three unarmed men of color who were exhibiting clear signs of mental distress. In each encounter, police refused to bring in social workers or mental health units. The men were subjected to being thrown to the ground, held down with knees and elbows applied to back and neck, hogtying, choking, suffocating, handcuffing, tasing multiple times and for long periods of time, and being shot. The men were Keenan Anderson, 31, Oscar Leon Sanchez, 35, and Takar Smith, 45.

On January 7, 2023, Tyre Nichols, 29, was stopped by officers of the Memphis Police Department's SCORPION unit. They pulled Nichols from his car, pushed him to the ground and held him there while yelling commands and expletives at him, and maced and tasered him. At 6'3", Nichols weighed 145 pounds. When he broke free and ran toward his mother's house, less than a mile away, the officers pursued, caught him, and continued the assault. Medics were called to the scene but failed to administer care for over 15 minutes. Nichols was taken to the hospital and died there three days later. The five officers were fired and indicted. In total, 13 officers have been disciplined, fired, or arrested, and 3 Memphis Fire Services employees have been terminated. In July, 2023, the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Justice Department announced an investigation of the Memphis Police Department's patterns and practices.

On January 24, 2023, in Rankin County, MS, 6 white police officers broke into a home without a warrant and attacked and tortured two Black men, Michael Jenkins and Eddie Parker, for nearly 2 hours. The break-in was in response to a white neighbor's complaint that Black men were staying in the home of a white women. Avoiding a security camera above the front door, the police broke in through the garage door and back doors. The two men have spoken publicly about their ordeal. According to the August 3, 2023 U.S. Justice Department press release following the guilty pleas by the 6 now former officers, "The defendants admitted that on January 24, without a warrant or any exigent circumstances, they kicked in the door and entered a home in Braxton, Rankin County, Mississippi where two Black men, M.J. and E.P., were residing. The defendants handcuffed and arrested the men without probable cause to believe they had committed any crime, called them racial slurs, and warned them to stay out of Rankin County. Further, the defendants punched and kicked

the men, tased them 17 times, forced them to ingest liquids, and assaulted them with a dildo. During the incident, Dedmon fired his gun twice to intimidate the men. At the conclusion of the incident, Elward surreptitiously removed a bullet from the chamber of his gun, forced the gun into M.J.'s mouth and pulled the trigger. The unloaded gun clicked but did not fire. Elward racked the slide, intending to dry-fire a second time. When Elward pulled the trigger, the gun discharged. The bullet lacerated M.J.'s tongue, broke his jaw and exited out of his neck. As M.J. was bleeding on the floor, the defendants did not provide medical aid, but instead gathered outside the home to devise a false cover story and took steps to corroborate it, including: planting a gun on M.J.; destroying surveillance video, spent shell casings, and taser cartridges; submitting fraudulent drug evidence to the crime lab; filing false reports; charging M.J. with crimes he did not commit; making false statements to investigators; and pressuring witnesses to stick to the cover story. Three of the defendants admitted in court that they were members of 'The Goon Squad,' a group of RCSO (Rankin County Sheriff's Office) officers who were known for using excessive force and not reporting it. 'No human being should ever be subjected to the kind of torturous, traumatizing and horrific acts of violence that were carried out by these law enforcement officers,' said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division. 'The physical and emotional impact of their crimes resulted from a calculated, deliberate, and egregious course of conduct that required a significant response from authorities. The Justice Department will continue to investigate and prosecute law enforcement officers who violate the public trust by abusing the power given to them by virtue of their position.' The six perpetrators have pleaded guilty to state charges also, are being held in custody awaiting sentencing for both federal and state charges. Both Jenkins and Parker are being kept in secure locations in another state due to threats on their lives.

On February 22, 2023, Timothy McCree Johnson, 37, was shot and killed by officers of the Fairfax County, VA, Police Department outside the Tysons Corner Center mall. Video shows the officers ran through a retail store, chased Johnson through a parking deck, onto a street, and into the woods. Johnson allegedly had stolen a pair of sunglasses. Johnson's family, who viewed the body camera footage, said he posed no threat to police. One of the two officers involved, Sergeant Wesley Shifflett, has been fired from his job.

On March 6, 2023, Irvo Otieno, 28, died at a mental health hospital in Henrico County, VA. He was in handcuffs and legirons when seven sheriff's deputies and three employees at Central State Hospital piled on him for 11 minutes until he went limp and ceased breathing. The medical examiner ruled his death a homicide by asphyxiation. The 10 deputies and hospital workers have been indicted on second-degree murder charges; two have had their charges dismissed. Otieno's family has said he urgently needed mental health treatment, and are requesting an investigation by the U.S. Justice Department.

In Atlanta, on August 10, 2023, Johnny Hollman, 62, was involved in a minor traffic accident and called 911. When police arrived, they said he "became noncompliant," and tased and handcuffed him. Mr Hollman suffered from asthma. Over the phone his daughter heard him calling for help and saying, "I can't breathe." When she arrived at the scene, he was dead.

Mr. Hollman was chairman of the Board of Deacons at Lively Stones of God Ministries, and grandfather of 26.

On August 24, 2023, in a suburb of Columbus, OH, police shot and killed Ta’Kiya Young, 21, pregnant mother of two boys. She had been accused of shoplifting, and when police demanded she get out of the car, she began to drive slowly away. They shot her once in the chest. Police claimed that she assaulted them with her car.

This is not a matter of “bad apples.” The justice system must be completely re-created from the ground up.

Write the mayor and the police chief of the towns where these incidents occur. Email addresses and phone numbers can be found at municipal websites. Object to violence against persons and communities of color by law enforcement by speaking out and joining the movement against it.

Contact your U.S. Senator and urge them to support passage of meaningful legislation to create and enforce justice in policing.

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White Birminghamians for Black Lives conducted walking witnesses from September 2016 through September 2023, bearing witness to the truth that Black lives matter, and modeling a different way of being white. It must become an expected, rather than a rare, thing for white people to come out as anti-racist in our families, schools, churches, and occupations.

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