

## ADDENDUM “Say Their Names”

“We Shall Overcome” was the anthem for the Civil Rights Movement. We have had a lot to overcome. The first beginning of our struggle was the right to be considered human beings; then the right to become citizens; followed by the right to vote. Presently, it is the rights to live, thrive, and have our being.

The whole point in writing this book is to tell the story of how we have been legally managed as a people, and our social response. It is my hope, for all to understand that we lose our freedoms by way of state and local law. We have to be more involved on these levels.

The question most often asked is: why are police *not* being held accountable for 1,000 deaths per year? There are combinations of circumstances that allow it to continue:

1. The courts have ruled, establishing the “*law of the land*” that police do not have to have a “suspicion” in order to stop someone. Therefore, *any reasoning* for their actions is acceptable; and legal challenges are often unsuccessful (except in the most blatant cases).
2. The police aren’t *policing* themselves; there is no incentive to prescreen, or discipline errant officers.
3. Police may be following the Status Quo, or the attitudes of their superiors or their fraternal affiliates. Thus, they have a safety net, believing they don’t have to answer for their actions or attitudes. Often, attitudes come from the top, down.
4. *Racial Profiling* is still a major factor. Nothing, and no one, has challenged officers to act or think differently.
5. Loyalty among themselves may provide Police with a bullet proof shield.
6. Location, Location, Location... Local attitudes prevail.

Q. Can Laws make any of this change? What happens when the Courts don’t support the Laws?

### Charts

The Washington Post: Despite the unpredictable events that lead to fatal shootings, police nationwide have shot and killed [almost the same number of people](#) annually — nearly 1,000 — since The Post began its project (in 2015).

The rate at which black Americans are killed by police is more than twice as high as the rate for white Americans.

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/investigations/police-shootings-database/>

Racial comparison chart:

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1123070/police-shootings-rate-ethnicity-us/>

Fatal Shooting by year and month:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists\\_of\\_killings\\_byLaw\\_enforcement\\_officers\\_in\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lists_of_killings_byLaw_enforcement_officers_in_the_United_States)

## “The Talk”

Many black parents have to have “The Talk” with their young sons; to insure that, if they are stopped by an officer, they know, about how to conduct themselves. After reading all the circumstances in the deaths of each person listed on my chart (and my own experience), I have a few suggestions of my own:

1. Don't run
2. Don't argue
3. Don't try to explain anything (only respond)
4. Be polite
5. Drop anything you have in your hand (if they don't shot you first)
6. Shut your mouth – no wise remarks
7. The officer is always right, disagree at your own peril
8. “Fair” treatment, and your *Rights*, won't matter. They won't change your circumstance at the moment.

Is any of this worth staying *alive for*?.... I hope so.

**Note:** The following bonus information was gathered by researching the circumstances of each person listed. In 2016, the information sites given above were not known. Often, the names of victims were “sound bites” in the media; with only the barest information given, at the time.

**POLICE**

**KILLINGS**

This is a list of the MOST INFAMOUS shootings through 2018; it is not complete:

FIRST	LAST	AGE	WHERE		WHEN	INFORMATION
Amadou	Diallo	23	Bronx	NY	2/4/1999	émigré from Guinea, 41 shots
Roger	Owensby	29	Cincinnati	OH	11/7/2000	not driving, ran, arrested, died in car
Oscar	Grant III	22	Oakland	CA	1/1/2009	Fruitvale Station (movie), convicted
Bernard	Monroe	73	Homer	LA	2/20/2009	backyard BBQ, ran
Aiyana	Jones	7	Detroit,	MI	5/16/2010	during raid
Kenneth	Chamberlain	68	White Plains	NY	11/19/2011	medical alert triggered in error
Ramarley	Graham	18	Bronx	NY	2/2/2012	chase, door kicked in, shot in bathroom
Trayvon	Martin	17	Sanford	FL	2/26/2012	neighborhood vigilante killing
Noel	Polanco	22	New York	NY	10/4/2012	irregular driving, Hispanic
Rekia	Boyd	22	Chicago	IL	3/21/2012	at park with friends, officer resigned
Kamani	Gray	16	Brooklyn	NY	3/10/2013	were his hands up? said to be armed
Andy	Lopez	13	Santa Rosa	CA	10/22/2013	playing with air soft gun in public place
Jonathan	Ferrell	24	Charlotte	NC	9/14/2013	neighbor call, attempting to get help
Dontre	Hamilton		Milwaukee	WI	4/30/2014	at the park, mentally ill
Eric	Garner	27	Staten Is	NY	7/17/2014	Illegal headlock choke, I can't breath
John	Crawford III	22	Beaver Creek	OH	8/5/2014	in Wal-Mart, picks up pellet gun, on cell
Micheal	Brown Jr	18	Ferguson	MO	8/9/2014	walking with friend, holding vape
Ezell	Ford	25	Los Angeles	CA	8/11/2014	mentally ill, on sidewalk, wrestled
Laquan	McDonald	17	Chicago	IL	10/20/2014	officer convicted, settlement given
Akai	Gurley	28	Brooklyn	NY	11/20/2014	stairwell shooting officer convicted,
Tamir	Rice	12	Cleveland	OH	11/22/2014	neighbor call, child with toy gun
Rumain	Brisbon	34	Phoenix	AZ	12/4/2014	unarmed, settlement received
Antonio	Martin	18	Berkley	MO	12/23/2014	armed passenger in car stop, hands up
Jerome	Reid	36	Bridgeton	NJ	12/30/2014	shooting
Eric	Harris	44	Tulsa	OK	4/2/2015	unarmed, ran
Walter	Scott	50	N Charleston	SC	4/4/2015	traffic stop, officer convicted
William	Chapman	18	Portsmouth	VA	4/22/2015	parking lot shooting, officer convicted
Sandra	Bland	28	Hempstead	TX	7/13/2015	controversial "hanging," in custody
Samuel	Dubose	43	Cincinnati	OH	7/19/2015	traffic stop, no license, unarmed
Freddie	Gray	25	Baltimore	MD	8/12/2015	rough ride, officer convicted
Christian	Taylor	19	Arlington	TX	8/7/2015	vandalism at car dealers, unarmed/high
Jamar	Clark	24	Minneapolis	MN	11/15/2015	handcuffed, shot, officer plead guilty
Daniel	Shavers	26	Mesa	AZ	1/18/2016	(white youth) hands up; now crawl!
Alton	Sterling	37	Baton Rouge	LA	7/5/2016	ran
Philando	Castile	32	St Paul	MN	7/6/2016	traffic stop, shot in front of family
Charles	Kinsey	23	N Miami	FL	7/18/2016	mental patient
David	Collie	33	Fort Worth	TX	7/27/2016	shot in back, paralyzed

Paul	O'Neal	18	Chicago	IL	7/28/2016	car chase, ran
Korryn	Gaines	23	Baltimore	MD	8/1/2016	armed, police standoff
Terrance	Crutcher	40	Tulsa	OK	9/16/2016	car stop, arms raised, shot
Keith L	Scott	43	Charlotte	NC	9/20/2016	at apt.; warrant for another
Alfred	Olango	38	San Diego	CA	9/27/2016	walking, did not "halt"
Travis	Crane	23	Arlington	TX	2/2/2017	car stop
Jordan	Edwards	15	Balch Springs	TX	4/29/2017	stopped after high school party, ran
Sean	Bell	23	New York	NY	9/7/2017	impending wedding, 50 rounds
Stephon	Clark	22	Sacramento	CA	3/18/2018	suspected car vandal, shot in backyard
Antwon	Rose Jr	17	Pittsburgh	PA	6/19/2018	suspected drive-by shootings , ran
Harrith	Augustus	37	Chicago	IL	7/14/2018	was armed, and about to shoot
Mario	Hobson	31	Milwaukee	WI	8/13/2018	warrant stop, drive off, chase
Oshae	Terry	24	Arlington	TX	9/1/2018	expired temp. tag, drove off
Jamel	Roberson	26	Chicago,	IL	11/14/2018	security guard, mistaken ID
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F	Bradley, Jr	18	Hoover	AL	11/22/2018	Army Vet, misidentified
Botham	Jean	26	Dallas	TX	9/7/2018	at home, apartment error

**Note: this information was copied from an excel spreadsheet, and too wide to fit into the book.**