

STAND UP.....SAY THEIR NAMES

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To begin.... a quote from me, Aswad Syed.

“There is no greater expression of hatred and hostility toward prisoners than to try and erase our existence as a category of people and to minimize us to the point of being viewed as non-human.”

I am prisoner at Santa Rita Jail (“SRJ”), and I am a Black man. When I see people who look like me being abused or murdered by law enforcement, it hurts me. I am not one of those Jeffin-House Negros like U.S. Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas. I am not going to sit down and be quiet and play nice. I am like Antioch, California’s Mayor, Lamar Thorpe. I am going to speak up on mine and to hell with what anyone thinks. This quote I began with is directed toward every law enforcement and government official who thought we would remain invisible to the public at large. I’m not going to talk y’all to death. You have seen the photos we have posted, and I encourage you to take time out of your day to say their names. Purpose it in your heart today but take a stand against the forces of fascism and racism in America.

Ask yourself this question:

“How can I help amplify the voices of the underserved and underprivileged communities of color?”

Sisters and brothers, America is in crisis today. We have a gun violence crisis, a substance abuse crisis, a mental health crisis, and a police violence crisis. Now, if we come together in love and community with one another, I believe we can begin to come up with realistic solutions to these crises. I need y’all to feel me on this. I am far from perfect. I’ve made some mistakes; I’ve caused harm, but I am ready to take the next step toward restoration and change. I’m sincere about this. Are you? What are you willing to stand up

against? What motivates you to act in the interest of a human being?

I'm going to tell you exactly what I stand against. I stand against those who plot to harm or murder the innocent. I stand against those who hate Jewish or Asian people. I stand against those who ridicule, torture, and target our LGBTQ sisters and brothers. I stand against those who pollute our planet. I stand against every White Supremacist and White Nationalist in the world. I vow to stand against myself when I act, behave, or speak in a contrary manner to my core beliefs.

Stand up today!

The following are highlights of some of many children who have lost their lives at the hands of others in America recently and over the last few years. We want to make sure the families of these individuals know that we support them.

We are truly saddened and disturbed by these acts of violence. NO ONE should take the life of another. The perpetrators of these senseless acts need to be held accountable for their actions, no matter who they are. A person should never be able to hide behind a badge, black robe, or local, state, or federal agency position. The law is the law.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PLEASE CHOOSE YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS WISELY. MAKE SURE THEY ARE WORKING WITH AND FOR THE MEMBERS OF YOUR CITIES AND COUNTIES AND NOT FOR THEIR OWN FINANCIAL BENEFIT IN LIFE. THEIR JOB IS TO WORK FOR YOU AND THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH YOU LIVE.

PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

JASPER WU



Jasper, at 23 months old, was a victim of senseless gun violence on Interstate 880 in the Bay Area. We grieve with Jasper's family and pray for justice and healing. Black and Asian communities must come together in order to address this horrific loss of life, as well as the ongoing gun violence which is plaguing our neighborhoods.

JASPER'S LIFE MATTERED!

<https://abc7news.com/jasper-wu-alameda-county-district-attorney-enhancement-policy-update-oakland-freeway-shooting/12926535/>

ELIYANAH CRISOSTOMO



Eliyanah was shot in the heart while riding in the back seat of her car going to a birthday party near Fremont. She was also traveling on Interstate 880 when this tragic shooting occurred. She was only 5 years old. Apparently, someone mistook the car she was riding in for that of a rival gang member. Contrary to what her critics have said, Alameda County District Attorney, Pamela Price is fully engaged and determined to seek justice for Eliyanah's death.

ELIYANAH'S LIFE MATTERED!

<https://www.kron4.com/news/bay-area/chp-releasing-more-details-on-eliyanah-crisostomo-homicide/>

SOPHIA MASON



Just over a year ago, 8-year-old Sophia Mason's body was found decomposing in a bathtub in Central California where Sophia's mother and Sophia's mother's boyfriend had lived. Sophia's grandmother filed a lawsuit against Alameda County alleging that social workers refused to investigate numerous child abuse claims in the 14 months leading up to her death.

WE STAND IN SOLIDARITY WITH SOPHIA'S GRANDMA!

<https://www.thedailybeast.com/police-reveal-horrific-details-in-murder-case-of-sophia-mason>

A'MIYAH HUGHES

ZI'ARIEL ROBINSON-OLIVER



TE'MARI ROBINSON-OLIVER

These 3 little Black girls were found dead in a pond in East Texas last year. Police have made no arrests. It took authorities over 8 months to figure out that these 3 sweet girls were murdered and it was not an accident. Advocates and experts believe this case has been severely mishandled.

<https://news.yahoo.com/3-black-girls-were-found-dead-last-year-in-a-texas-pond-police-have-made-no-arrests-192512195.html>

**WHO HURT THESE BEAUTIFUL BABIES AND LEFT STRANGLED
IN A POND IN CASS COUNTY?**

There is a disparity in the way justice is sought and pursued in America. Children of color are not always given love, attention, and justice that their White counterparts get.

**WE SEEK AND PRAY FOR JUSTICE FOR THE OLIVER 3
IN CASS COUNTY, TEXAS**

Minister Quanell X, the leader of the New Black Panther Nation believes the investigation is not a priority because these 3 young girls are all Black. Minister Quanell X said this, "I think Cass County is doing what Cass County historically does when it comes to investigating injustice and murder involving Black people as victims. They're not taking this case seriously in my eyes, because it's not three young white children."

**QUANNEL X AND THE NEW BLACK PANTHER NATION PLAN
TO HOST A TOWN HALL MEETING IN CASS COUNTY, TEXAS**

The MEDICAL NEGLECT

MAURICE MONK



DEVIN WEST



Maurice and Devin both died at the Santa Rita Jail on November 15, 2021. Medical neglect and deliberate indifference are the common threads which tie these two cases together. But, it's deeper than that. Both Maurice and Devin have siblings who were affected deeply by their untimely deaths. Elvira and Tiffany Monk want answers NOW! The tragedy of Devin's death was compounded recently when his sister, Megan, was found dead in West Oakland. It is as if our Black lives mean nothing to Wellpath, the medical provider, and the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

<https://www.yahoo.com/video/maurice-monk-died-california-jail-141000750.html>

<https://www.ktvu.com/news/cellmate-charged-with-murdering-oakland-longshoreman-at-santa-rita-jail-deemed-incompetent>

<https://www.davisvanguard.org/2021/12/3rd-death-in-month-7th-in-past-year-at-santa-rita-jail-lead-to-demand-alameda-county-conduct-independent-investigation/>

Abuse of the Mentally Ill

IRVO OTIENO

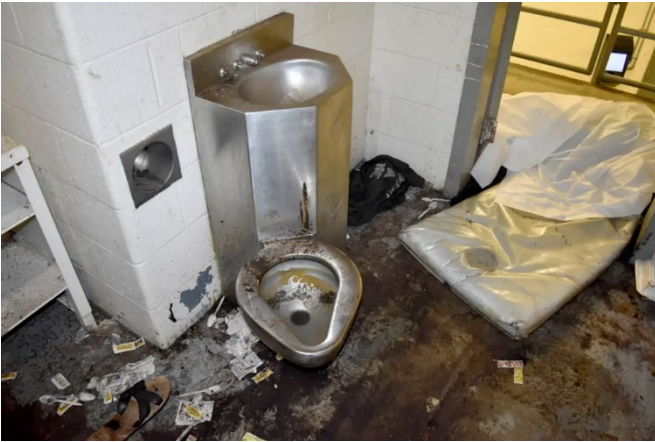
**Henrico County Sheriff's Department and
Central State Hospital, Dinwiddie County, Virginia**



Irvo Otieno was suffocated to death by 7 Henrico County Sheriff's deputies and 3 Central State Hospital workers. What is extremely troubling was that Irvo was handcuffed and shackled and not a threat to anyone. He was in need of mental health treatment and care and what he got was DEATH! This must stop now!!

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-65176984>

LASHAWN'S CELL IN THE FULTON COUNTY JAIL, ATLANTA



LAWSHAWN THOMPSON



Lashawn Thompson was diagnosed with Schizophrenia. He died in his cell which was infested with bugs and lice. Fulton County Jail administrators left Lashawn in squalid conditions. Colin Kaepernick recently announced that he will pay for LaShawn's autopsy (see youtube video below). Abuse and neglect of the mentally ill is something that happens a lot in the United States

<https://lawandcrime.com/lawsuit/family-of-inmate-with-schizophrenia-eaten-alive-by-bedbugs-in-an-atlanta-jail-calls-for-federal-investigation-as-senator-launches-inquiry-into-conditions-of-incarceration/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sTzxZMZBfXw>

Senseless Gun Violence

KINSLEY WHITE



Kinsley White was grazed by a bullet on her left cheek. Her neighbor, Robert Singletary shot at Kinsley and others because her basketball rolled into his yard in Gastonia, North Carolina. How crazy is this?? America, we have a problem!

<https://abcnews.go.com/US/6-year-parents-neighbor-shot-after-basketball-rolls/story?id=98717589>

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2023-04-20/girl-6-parents-shot-wounded-over-stray-ball>

KAYLIN GILLIS



Kaylin Gillis was fatally shot by Kevin Monahan after the car she was riding in mistakenly went to his address in Upstate New York. Kaylin's life matter and her death is a case-in-point as to why we need gun reform in the United States now.

<https://www.cnn.com/2023/04/18/us/woman-shot-wrong-driveway-upstate-new-york/index.html>

RALPH YARL



Ralph Yarl is a 16-year-old Black male and Honor Student from Kansas City, Missouri who was shot after accidentally going to the wrong house to pick up his little brothers. The man who shot Ralph told him, "Don't come around here anymore." There seems to be a war on young Black men in America.

<https://www.eastbaytimes.com/2023/04/19/shot-for-being-lost-common-mistakes-met-with-violence/>

PAYTON WASHINGTON



HEATHER ROTH



Payton Washington approached a vehicle (which she thought was hers) and attempted to open it when she realized there was a man in the passenger seat. After realizing it was not her car, she went back to her friend's car. The man, Pedro Tello Rodriguez, Jr. followed her back to the friend's car and fired shots into the vehicle. Her fellow cheerleader, Heather Roth, was grazed by one of Rodriguez, Jr.'s bullets. Payton suffered serious injuries.

<https://people.com/crime/cheerleader-shot-after-accidentally-getting-into-wrong-car-says-critically-wounded-friend-is-super-strong/>

Police Violence

“TORTUGUITA” – Manuel Esteban Paez Terán



Manuel aka “Tortuguita” was only 26 years old when he was shot (57 times) and killed by a Georgia State Patrol trooper after an officer was wounded during a raid of the Stop Cop City encampment on January 18, 2023. The autopsy report found no gunshot residue on Tortuguita’s hands

THERE IS A COVER UP WHICH EXISTS IN ATLANTA AND IT MUST BE EXPOSED. I AM NOT SHUTTING UP.

NO JUSTICE....NO PEACE

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Killing_of_Manuel_Esteban_Paez_Ter%C3%A1n

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2023/feb/02/manuel-esteban-paez-teran-climate-activist-killed-atlanta-police>

WALTER SCOTT



On April 4, 2015, Walter Scott, a 50-year-old black man, was fatally shot by Michael Slager, a local police officer in North Charleston, South Carolina. Walter was unarmed and running away from Slager when he was shot 5 times in the back.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/walter-scott-shooting/walter-scott-shooting-michael-slager-ex-officer-sentenced-20-years-n825006>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/04/08/us/south-carolina-officer-is-charged-with-murder-in-black-mans-death.html>

The following are some reports that will provide further information on senseless police violence in America:

<https://policeviolencereport.org/>
<https://mappingpoliceviolence.us/>