

2nd Quarter March 2022

# THE ORIGINAL BLACK PANTHER PARTY



ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

"ONE VILLAGE! ONE FIGHT!"

"WE'VE GOT TO FACE THE FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE SAY YOU FIGHT FIRE BEST WITH FIRE, BUT WE SAY YOU PUT FIRE OUT BEST WITH WATER. WE SAY YOU DON'T FIGHT RACISM WITH RACISM. WE'RE GONNA FIGHT RACISM WITH SOLIDARITY."

— FRED HAMPTON

<https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/black-panther-party>

For Further Information:  
Check out  
The Original Black Panther Party  
Via Facebook



**FRI MAR 11 | SAT MAR 12**  
**2PM | 1PM**

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## Pamela Smith

Pamela Smith's long legal battle in her rape case has now been docketed at the Supreme Court. Fighting for her justice for nearly 24 years, Pamela Smith continues to tell her story of survival and perseverance from the alleged abuse she endured while an inmate at the Department of Corrections in Oklahoma. A Black woman from Tulsa, Oklahoma, Ms. Smith alleges she was taken advantage of in her past during her time on a work-release program while incarcerated.

From 1997-1998, over a period of 8 months, while stationed for housekeeping duties at the Department of Public Safety in Tulsa, Smith says that she was repeatedly raped and sexually tortured by the state employee Donald Reed Cochran, a state driver's license examiner at the time. She tried to report the abuse several times, but all the authority figures she went to did not take her seriously and ignored her pleas.

Once she was released from prison, Smith vowed to pursue the course of legal action. On her journey, however, she attests to having encountered layers of corruption and conspiracy against her case. She cites several state agencies – including the Dept. of Corrections, the Dept. of Public Safety, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and the District Attorney's Office – for colluding to obstruct justice. Amongst a list of allegations, Smith asserts incidents of evidence destroyed, files tampered with, witness intimidation, falsified legal notices – that ultimately led to a dismissed 5 million dollar lawsuit she filed in a state court in 2019. Smith says that there are more victims of Mr. Cochran's behavior that have been intimidated into silence.



During a rally with The Black Panther Party in Tulsa Oklahoma Pamela Smith holds a salt shaker similar to the one she alleges was used on her during a sexual assault.  
[Tulsaworld.com](http://Tulsaworld.com)

## THE ORIGINAL BLACK PANTHER PARTY FEED THE COMMUNITY

Recently The Original Black Panther Party under General Mike Pain approached a bus station where some homeless brothers and sisters were occupying to offer them a hot meal but were faced with some negative opposition, General Pain explains that while they were engaging with the people and patrolling the area, there was two security personnel present one black and one white, the black security person had no problem with what was going on however the white security person did, the white security person instructed his black counterpart to call the police to have the group removed from the area. General Pain and his group expressed no disrespect to the officers in any form or fashion but continued with the mission set forth for the day by making sure the people were fed. All Power to the People!



### AN INSPIRATIONAL POEM

They say that God won't give you more than you can bear  
But for me living this life it's not been a crystal stair  
I could make the excuse that life isn't fair  
But I passed the test and no one carried me there  
I've been down and never out  
I've stood the test of time  
So you could never count me out  
My passion to succeed and prove others wrong  
This is the reason why even in death my name will carry on  
I am Martin, I am Malcolm!  
My roots run deep in the blood of my ancestors  
I can't fathom being outdone  
So when my name goes down in history  
I want you to remember one thing  
I am the manifestation of my ancestors  
and for that alone is why I'll be forever free!

King Shug (RT)



For more  
Information:

<https://www.mhanational.org/issues/black-and-african-american-communities-and-mental-health>

**The power is in our hands!**



### Codi Bigsby...missing

Update: The community is holding its collective breath as the intense search continues for this little boy, at the moment The Original Black Panther Party continues to put forth search efforts to help find anything that will lead us to little Codi Bigsby, Codi is a 4-year-old black male, standing approximately 3 feet tall, Codi was reported missing the morning of January 31st in Hampton, Virginia wearing black clothes and Spider-Man flip flops, search operations are currently underway. We are a village and he's our baby! The search is not over until our baby is found!

### Black Communities And Mental Health

Overall, mental health conditions occur in Black and African American (B/AA) people in America at about the same or less frequency than in White Americans. However, the historically Black and African American experience in America has and continues to be characterized by trauma and violence more often than for their White counterparts and impacts the emotional and mental health of both youth and adults. (See prevalence statistics below).

Historical dehumanization, oppression, and violence against Black and African American people have evolved into present-day racism - structural, institutional, and individual - and cultivates a uniquely mistrustful and less affluent community experience, characterized by a myriad of disparities including inadequate access to and delivery of care in the health system. Processing and dealing with layers of individual trauma on top of new mass traumas from COVID-19 (uncertainty, isolation, grief from financial or human losses), police brutality and its fetishization in news media, and divisive political rhetoric add compounding layers of complexity for individuals to responsibly manage. Help-seeking behavior is affected by mistrust of the medical system and often begins with faith-based outreach. However, MHA screening data shows that Black and African American people who screen positive for depression self-identify as planning to seek help at higher rates than the general population says they will seek help. Unfortunately, Black and African American providers, who are known to give more appropriate and effective care to Black and African American help-seekers, make up a very small portion of the behavioral health provider workforce (see treatment statistics below). Because of these factors and more, Black and African American people are more likely to experience chronic and persistent, rather than episodic, mental health conditions. Yet, hope for recovery should remain, as light is shed on these issues - and the general public holds accountable policymakers and health systems to evolve better systems that eliminate inequities in mental health services.