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It was not yet 9 a.m., and Gary Page was drunk. The disabled handyman had a long history of schizophrenia and depression and, since his wife died in February, he had been struggling to hold his life together.

That bright Saturday morning in March, something snapped. Page, 60, slit his wrists, grabbed a gun and climbed the stairs to his stepdaughter's place in the Pines Apartments in Harmony, Ind. He said he wanted to die. And then he called 911.

"I want to shoot the cops," Page slurred to the dispatcher, prodding his stepdaughter to confirm that, yes, he had a gun. "I want them to shoot me."

Minutes later, Page's **death** wish was granted. Two Clay County **sheriff's deputies** arrived to find that he had taken a neighbor hostage. They opened fire, striking him five times in the torso and once in the head. Page's gun later turned out to be a starter pistol, loaded only with blanks. His threats of violence turned out to be equally empty, the product of emotional instability and agonizing despair.

Nationwide, **police** have shot and killed 124 people this year who, like Page, were in the throes of mental or emotional crisis, according to a Washington Post analysis. The dead account for a quarter of the 462 people shot to **death** by **police** in the first six months of 2015.

The vast majority were armed, but in most cases, the **police officers** who shot them were not responding to reports of a crime. More often, the **police officers** were called by relatives, neighbors or other bystanders worried that a mentally fragile person was behaving erratically, reports show. More than 50 people were explicitly suicidal.

More than half of the killings involved **police** agencies that have not provided their **officers** with state-of-the-art

training to deal with the mentally ill. And in many cases, **officers** responded with tactics that quickly made a volatile situation even more dangerous.

The Post analysis provides for the first time a national, real-time tally of the shooting **deaths** of mentally distraught individuals at the hands of law enforcement. Criminal-justice experts say that **police** are often ill equipped to respond to such individuals - and that the encounters too often end in needless violence.

"This a national crisis," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the **Police** Executive Research Forum, an independent research organization devoted to improving policing. "We have to get American **police** to rethink how they handle encounters with the mentally ill. Training has to change."

As a debate rages over the use of deadly force by **police**, particularly against minorities, The Post is tracking every **fatal** shooting by a **police officer** acting in the line of duty in 2015. Reporters are culling news reports, public records and other open sources on the Internet to log more than a dozen factors about each case, including the age and race of the **victim**, **whether the victim was armed** and the circumstances that led to the **fatal** encounter.

The FBI also logs **fatal police** shootings, but officials acknowledge that their data is far from complete. In the past four decades, the FBI has never recorded more than 460 **fatal** shootings in a single year. The Post hit that number in less than six months.

For this article, The Post analyzed 124 killings in which the victim's mental health appeared to play a role, either because the person expressed suicidal intentions or because **police** or family members confirmed a history of mental illness. This approach probably understates the scope of the problem, experts said.

In many ways, this subset mirrors the overall population of **police** shooting victims: They were overwhelmingly men, and more than half of them were white. Nine in 10 were armed with some kind of weapon, and most died close to home.

But there were also important distinctions. This group was more likely to wield a weapon less lethal than a firearm. Six had toy guns; 3 in 10 carried a blade, such as a knife or a machete - weapons that rarely prove deadly to **police officers**. According to data maintained by the FBI and other organizations, only three **officers** have been killed with an edged weapon in the past decade.

Nearly a dozen of the mentally distraught people killed were military veterans, many of them suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of their service, according to **police** or family members. Another was a former California Highway Patrol **officer** who had been forced into retirement after enduring a severe beating during a traffic stop that left him suffering from depression and PTSD.

And in 45 cases, **police** were called to help someone get medical treatment, or after the person had tried and failed to get treatment on his own.

In January, for instance, Jonathan Guillory, a white 32-year-old father of two who had worked as a military contractor in Afghanistan, was having what his widow called a mental health emergency. He sought help at a Veterans Affairs hospital in Arizona, his wife, Maria Garcia, told local reporters, but the busy hospital turned him away. Jean Schaefer, a spokeswoman for the Veterans Health Administration in Phoenix, said the hospital had no record of Guillory's visit.

Back home, Guillory dialed 911 twice and hung up. When **police** responded, he pulled a gun from his waistband and said, "I bet I can outdraw you," according to Maricopa **police** spokesman Ricardo Alvarado. They shot him six times.

The dead range in age from 15 to 86. At both ends of that spectrum, the **victim** was male, suicidal and **armed** with a gun. On average, **police** shot and killed someone who was in mental crisis every 36 hours in the first six months of this year. On April 25, three mentally ill men were gunned down within 10 hours.

That afternoon, David Felix, a 24-year-old black man with schizophrenia, was killed by **police** in the New York apartment building where he lived with other men undergoing treatment for mental health problems, according to **police** reports. **Police** said he struck two **officers** with a heavy **police** radio after they tried to serve him with a warrant for allegedly punching a friend in the face and stealing her purse.

Two hours later, **sheriff's deputies** in Clermont, Fla., fatally shot Daniel Davis, a 58-year-old white man who had recently been released from a mental health facility, according to **police** reports. **Police** say he threatened his stepfather and then a **deputy** with a hunting knife.

And shortly before midnight, **police** in Victoria, Tex., shot Brandon Lawrence, a 25-year-old white man, a father of two toddlers and an Afghanistan war veteran who suffered from PTSD. **Police officers** said Lawrence approached them in an "aggressive manner" with a two-foot-long machete. They said they ordered him to drop it more than 30 times.

Lawrence's wife and another witness have disputed aspects of that account, saying that Lawrence, while armed, was not advancing and was obviously not in his right mind. Convinced someone was coming to kill him, Lawrence repeatedly asked **police officers** who they were and what they wanted, his wife said.

"He was clearly confused . . . but they didn't try to talk to him," said Lawrence's father, Bryon Lawrence, who works as an Illinois state prison guard.

"Everyone I work with is a convicted felon; I can't just go up to them and shoot them," Bryon Lawrence said. "My boy is 25 years old, working 50 hours a week, paying taxes. He was in his own home when they showed up.

"Within six minutes, they murdered him."

Victoria **police** declined to comment, citing the ongoing investigation.

Police increasingly acknowledge that they have few effective tools for handling the mentally ill. In interviews, current and former **police** chiefs said that without large-scale **police** retraining, as well as a nationwide increase in mental health services, these deadly encounters will continue.

Severe budget cuts for psychiatric services - by as much as 30 percent in some states in recent years - have created a vacuum that local **police** are increasingly asked to fill, they said.

"We as a society need to put more money and funding into treating the mentally ill. We need to work with these people . . . before they end in tragedy," said Mike Carter, the **police** chief in Sand Springs, Okla., where **officers** in April shot and killed a 66-year-old white Vietnam veteran with PTSD. The man, Donald Allen, grew agitated after **officers** asked him to stop firing a gun in his back yard.

So far, **police** departments generally have not risen to the challenge. Although new recruits typically spend nearly 60 hours learning to handle a gun, according to a recent survey by the **Police** Executive Research Forum, they receive only eight hours of training to de-escalate tense situations and eight hours learning strategies for handling the mentally ill.

Otherwise, **police** are taught to employ tactics that tend to be counterproductive in such encounters, experts said. For example, most **officers** are trained to seize control when dealing with an **armed suspect**, often through stern, shouted commands.

But yelling and pointing guns is "like pouring gasoline on a fire when you do that with the mentally ill," said Ron Honberg, policy director with the National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Sandy Jo MacArthur is an assistant chief who oversees "mental response teams" for the Los Angeles **Police**Department, a program considered to be a national model. MacArthur said her **officers** are trained to embrace tactics that may seem counterintuitive. Instead of rushing to take someone into custody, they try to slow things down and

persuade the person to come with them. When possible, a psychologist or psychiatrist is on the scene.

The mentally ill "do not process what is happening like a normal criminal," MacArthur said. "There's a lot of white noise in their head."

On the day he died in April, Daniel Covarrubias was taking powerful painkillers for a broken collarbone, hadn't eaten for days and was hallucinating. The 37-year-old Native American and Latino had gone to St. Clare Hospital near Tacoma, Wash., "to get the cameras out of his eyes," according to Ben Barcus, attorney for the Covarrubias family.

Covarrubias, who had a history of depression and drug addiction, was treated for "substance/medication induced psychotic disorder," according to medical records obtained by the **police.** Five hours later, he was released "in stable condition," according to hospital spokesman Scott Thompson.

As Covarrubias walked home, **police** sirens began blaring behind him. For reasons that are unclear, Covarrubias dashed into Pinnacle Lumber and Plywood, scaled a 25-foot-tall stack of wood and crouched to hide, **police** records show.

His mother, Marilyn Covarrubias, speculates that he may have believed the **police** were after him. "I think he thought the sirens were for him," she said.

Alarmed lumberyard employees thought so, too, and called **police** to report a man hiding on the property. Within minutes, two Lakewood, Wash., **police officers** were standing at the base of the lumber stack, shouting up at Covarrubias to "show your hands."

What happened next is in dispute. Lakewood **Police** Chief Mike Zaro has said Covarrubias "raised up with a dark object in his hand and pointed it at the **officers** in a manner that was consistent with pointing a firearm." Barcus said lumberyard employees "didn't see pointing." Managers at Pinnacle Lumber declined to comment.

In any case, **police** opened fire, hitting Covarrubias five times, including once in the head, according to Barcus. The dark object in his hand turned out to be a cellphone.

Barcus criticized the officers' failure "to de-escalate this situation."

"They arrived at the lumberyard, and six minutes later Covarrubias was dead," Barcus said. "It doesn't appear they know how to deal with the mentally ill."

Lakewood **police** spokesman Chris Lawler said the department works with mental health experts and that both **officers** involved in the shooting had received training to handle such encounters.

He declined to comment further, saying the investigation was still pending.

One of the youngest shooting victims was Kristiana Coignard, a 17-year-old white girl who walked out of the darkness one evening in January and into the empty lobby of a Longview, Tex., **police** station. In her waistband, she had a knife. And on her palm, she had written the words "I have a gun."

Coignard did not have a gun, nor any clear reason for going to the station that night. Her case underscores a central difficulty for **police officers** who encounter a mentally ill person: It can be almost impossible to determine intent, or judge capacity to inflict harm.

Coignard appeared to pose a threat, but unlike someone committing a robbery, her intentions were obscure.

Since the age of 12, Coignard had displayed signs of mental illness; she regularly took medication for depression and bipolar disorder, according to her father, Erik Coignard. She dropped out of high school a year before graduation, but she later obtained a GED and had plans to attend college.

"She wanted to be a counselor in the mental health area because she said she felt that they failed her," said her stepmother, Elizabeth Coignard.

On the day she died, Kristiana Coignard met with the counselor she had seen for years. She entered the **police** station shortly before 6:30 p.m.

In a video released by Longview **police**, Coignard at first seems hesitant. She wanders in, checks her mobile phone, then approaches a phone on the far wall that connects to dispatch. After a minute or so, she picks up the receiver and asks to speak to an **officer**.

An **officer** arrives and addresses Coignard, who appears to show him her palm. The **officer** struggles with the teen, forcing her into a chair, then down to the ground. She reaches for the knife, and the **officer** draws his gun.

As two more **officers** arrive, Coignard stands and charges at the first **officer**, who opens fire. Coignard falls to the floor, struck four times.

As colleagues comfort the officer, paramedics arrive, perform CPR on Coignard and carry her body away on a stretcher.

Longview **Police** Chief Don Dingler has defended the **officers'** actions. The video shows "time was a factor," Dingler told reporters. "There was no time for the **officers** to use other means."

Coignard's parents strongly disagree. Though they are baffled by their daughter's actions that day - was it a suicide attempt? - they don't understand why three **officers** couldn't subdue their slight teenage daughter without resorting to deadly force.

Whatever her motives, "she should still be here," Erik Coignard said. "She was asking for help, and she was failed when that **officer** failed to take control of the situation. . . . This shouldn't have ended this way."

Mental health experts say most **police** departments need to quadruple the amount of training that recruits receive for dealing with the mentally ill, requiring as much time in the crisis-intervention classroom as **police** currently spend on the shooting range. But training is no panacea, experts caution.

The mentally ill are unpredictable. Moreover, **police** often have no way of knowing when they are dealing with a mentally ill person. **Officers** are routinely dispatched with information that is incomplete or wrong. And in a handful of cases this year, **police** were prodded to shoot someone who wanted to die.

That was the case with Matthew Hoffman, a 32-year-old white man who had long struggled with mental illness, according to family members. After breaking up with his girlfriend, Hoffman walked up to San Francisco police officers in January outside a police station in the bustling Mission District. He pulled a gun from his waistband, pointed it at the officers and advanced in silence.

The startled **officers** fired 10 shots, three of which struck Hoffman. They later discovered that his weapon was a BB gun. And they found a note on his mobile phone, addressed to the **officers** who shot him.

"You did nothing wrong," it said. "You ended the life of a man who was too much of a coward to do it himself."

Grace Gatpandan, San Francisco **Police** Department spokeswoman, said the department offers crisis-intervention training. But those classes are designed primarily to teach **officers** to handle someone threatening to jump off a bridge, not someone pointing a gun in a crowded tourist area.

"When **officers** are faced with a deadly situation, when there is a gun pointed at a cop, there is no time to go into mental health measures," Gatpandan said. "There was nothing we could have done. This is one of those tragedies."

In the region around Harmony, Ind., few local **police** agencies have the money for crisis-intervention training, said attorney Craig McKee, who represents the Clay County **Sheriff's** Office. The **deputies** who responded to Gary Page's call had not received such training, he said.

"They need help from professionals to prepare them for this," McKee said. "Society is not necessarily handling mental health issues well, so the number of encounters like this is escalating."

But Clay County Sheriff Paul Harden said he is not sure any amount of training would have helped his deputies that day.

"No **officer** I know wants to be involved in an incident like this," Harden said in a written statement. "Even when I am confident that we handled the situation the right way, as I do here, it can't help but shake people."

Family members still wipe away tears when discussing Page's **death.** But his sister-in-law, Nyla Young, said they do not blame **police.**

"I pray every night for the **officer** who had to make that decision, because they didn't go to work that day and want to have to make that decision," Young said. "Gary made them make that decision. Gary wanted to die. And Gary got what he wanted that day."

Page, who was white, married Young's sister Hester in 1997, and the two were inseparable, she said. When Hester got sick about six years ago, Page became her primary caregiver. He had stopped working after securing disability payments for a back injury. So he was able to take her to doctor's appointments, bathe and dress her, and carry her from their bed to their living room to watch TV.

In February, Hester slipped into a coma and died. Her **death** crushed Page, Young said. He had vowed to keep her alive and had devoted years to that mission. Now, he was alone.

A week before the shooting, Page called Young and asked her to pick up her sister's ashes, a move she now regrets.

"That was probably the final straw," Young said. "He wasn't taking care of her ashes any longer, so he had nothing left to live for."

Page lived in the Pines Apartments, downstairs from his stepdaughter. With **police** on the way, a neighbor unaware of the unfolding drama emerged from her apartment and asked Page to quiet down, according to a detailed account of the shooting prepared by a local prosecutor, who cleared the **deputies** of wrongdoing. Page took the woman hostage and waited for **police**.

Three **deputies** soon arrived. One approached through the front door and ordered Page to drop his weapon. The enraged man continued to scream at his hostage. Then Page spotted two more **deputies** approaching through the back door.

"Don't do it. . . . I'll shoot!" he shouted and raised his gun.

Brian Helmer, who had been with the **sheriff's** department for less than two years, fired twice. The **deputy** who had come in through the front, Joshua Clarke, heard the gunfire and shot six times more.

As Page lay bleeding, Helmer and Clarke quickly transitioned into rescue mode. In a scene captured by a **police** body camera, the **officers** secured Page's weapon, realizing for the first time that it was not loaded with real bullets. They tore off his sweatpants and used them to stanch the blood pouring from a wound in his chest.

When Page stopped breathing, the **officers** performed CPR. A bystander urged them to let Page die, according to the prosecutor's report. Instead, the **officers** asked for Page's first name and spoke to him as they pumped his chest.

Moments later, paramedics arrived. In the video's final seconds, Helmer walked away from Page's body, breathing heavily and sobbing. Then the video ends.

Gary Page was dead.

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In an alley in Denver, **police** gunned down a 17-year-old girl joyriding in a stolen car. In the backwoods of North Carolina, **police** opened fire on a gun-wielding moonshiner. And in a high-rise apartment in Birmingham, Ala., **police** shot an elderly man after his son asked them to make sure he was okay. Douglas Harris, 77, answered the door with a gun.

The three are among at least 385 people shot and killed by **police** nationwide during the first five months of this year, more than two a day, according to a Washington Post analysis. That is more than twice the rate of **fatal police** shootings tallied by the federal government over the past decade, a count that officials concede is incomplete.

"These shootings are grossly underreported," said Jim Bueermann, a former **police** chief and president of the Washington-based **Police** Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving law enforcement. "We are never going to reduce the number of **police** shootings if we don't begin to accurately track this information."

A national debate is raging about **police** use of deadly force, especially against minorities. To understand why and how often these shootings occur, The Washington Post is compiling a database of every **fatal** shooting by **police** in 2015, as well as of every **officer** killed by gunfire in the line of duty. The Post looked exclusively at shootings, not killings by other means, such as stun guns and **deaths** in **police** custody.

Using interviews, **police** reports, local news accounts and other sources, The Post tracked more than a dozen details about each killing through Friday, including the **victim's** race, whether the person was **armed** and the circumstances that led to the **fatal** encounter. The result is an unprecedented examination of these shootings, many of which began as minor incidents and suddenly escalated into violence.

Among The Post's findings:

I About half the victims were white, half minority. But the demographics shifted sharply among the **unarmed victims**, two-thirds of whom were black or Hispanic. Overall, blacks were killed at three times the rate of whites or other minorities when adjusting by the population of the census tracts where the shootings occurred.

1 The vast majority of **victims** - more than 80 percent - were **armed** with potentially lethal objects, primarily guns, but also knives, machetes, revving vehicles and, in one case, a nail gun.

l Forty-nine people had no weapon, while the guns wielded by 13 others turned out to be toys. In all, 16 percent were either carrying a toy or were unarmed.

1 The dead ranged in age from 16 to 83. Eight were children younger than 18, including Jessie Hernandez, 17, who was shot three times by Denver **police officers** as she and a carload of friends allegedly tried to run them down.

The Post analysis also sheds light on the situations that most commonly gave rise to **fatal** shootings. About half of the time, **police** were responding to people seeking help with domestic disturbances and other complex social situations: A homeless person behaving erratically. A boyfriend threatening violence. A son trying to kill himself.

Ninety-two victims - nearly a quarter of those killed - were identified by **police** or family members as mentally ill.

In Miami Gardens, Fla., Catherine Daniels called 911 when she couldn't persuade her son, Lavall Hall, a 25-year-old black man, to come in out of the cold early one morning in February. A diagnosed schizophrenic who stood 5-foot-4 and weighed barely 120 pounds, Hall was wearing boxer shorts and an undershirt and waving a broomstick when **police** arrived. They tried to stun him with a Taser gun and then shot him.

The other half of shootings involved non-domestic crimes, such as robberies, or the routine duties that occupy patrol **officers**, such as serving warrants.

Nicholas T. Thomas, a 23-year-old black man, was killed in March when **police** in Smyrna, Ga., tried to serve him with a warrant for failing to pay \$170 in felony probation fees. Thomas fled the Goodyear tire shop where he worked as a mechanic, and **police** shot into his car.

Although race was a dividing line, those who died by **police** gunfire often had much in common. Most were poor and had a history of run-ins with law enforcement over mostly small-time crimes, sometimes because they were emotionally troubled.

Both things were true of Daniel Elrod, a 39-year-old white man. Elrod had been arrested at least 16 times over the past 15 years; he was taken into protective custody twice last year because Omaha **police** feared he might hurt himself.

On the day he died in February, Elrod robbed a Family Dollar store. **Police** said he ran when **officers** arrived, jumping on top of a BMW in the parking lot and yelling, "Shoot me, shoot me." Elrod, who was unarmed, was shot three times as he made a "mid-air leap" to clear a barbed-wire fence, according to **police** records.

Dozens of other people also died while fleeing from **police**, The Post analysis shows, including a significant proportion - 20 percent - of those who were unarmed. Running is such a provocative act that **police** experts say there is a name for the injury **officers** inflict on suspects afterward: a "foot tax."

Police are authorized to use deadly force only when they fear for their lives or the lives of others. So far, just three of the 385 **fatal** shootings have resulted in an **officer** being charged with a crime - less than 1 percent.

The low rate mirrors the findings of a Post investigation in April that found that of thousands of **fatal police** shootings over the past decade, only 54 had produced criminal charges. Typically, those cases involved layers of damning

evidence challenging the officer's account. Of the cases resolved, most officers were cleared or acquitted.

In all three 2015 cases in which charges were filed, videos emerged showing the **officers** shooting a suspect during or after a foot chase:

l In South Carolina, **police officer** Michael Slager was charged with murder in the **death** of Walter Scott, a 50-year-old black man, who ran after a traffic stop. Slager's attorney declined to comment.

l In Oklahoma, reserve **deputy** Robert Bates was charged with second-degree manslaughter 10 days after he killed Eric Harris, a 44-year-old black man. Bates's attorney, Clark Brewster, characterized the shooting as a "legitimate accident," noting that Bates mistakenly grabbed his gun instead of his Taser.

l And in Pennsylvania, **officer** Lisa Mearkle was charged with criminal homicide six weeks after she shot and killed David Kassick, a 59-year-old white man, who refused to pull over for a traffic stop. Her attorney did not return calls for comment.

In many other cases, **police** agencies have determined that the shootings were justified. But many law enforcement leaders are calling for greater scrutiny.

After nearly a year of protests against **police** brutality and with a White House task force report calling for reforms, a dozen current and former **police** chiefs and other criminal justice officials said **police** must begin to accept responsibility for the carnage. They argue that a large number of the killings examined by The Post could be blamed on poor policing.

"We have to get beyond what is legal and start focusing on what is preventable. Most are preventable," said Ronald L. Davis, a former **police** chief who heads the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Police "need to stop chasing down suspects, hopping fences and landing on top of someone with a gun," Davis said. "When they do that, they have no choice but to shoot."

As a start, criminologists say the federal government should systematically analyze **police** shootings. Currently, the FBI struggles to gather the most basic data. Reporting is voluntary, and since 2011, less than 3 percent of the nation's 18,000 state and local **police** agencies have reported **fatal** shootings by their **officers** to the FBI. As a result, FBI records over the past decade show only about 400 **police** shootings a year - an average of 1.1 **deaths** per day.

According to The Post's analysis, the daily **death** toll so far for 2015 is close to 2.6. At that pace, **police** will have shot and killed nearly 1,000 people by the end of the year.

"We have to understand the phenomena behind these **fatal** encounters," Bueermann said. "There is a compelling social need for this, but a lack of political will to make it happen."

For the vast majority of departments, a **fatal** shooting is a rare event. Only 306 agencies have recorded one so far this year, and most had only one, the Post analysis shows.

However, 19 state and local departments were involved in at least three **fatal** shootings. Los Angeles **police** lead the nation with eight. The latest occurred May 5, when Brendon Glenn, a 29-year-old homeless black man, was shot after an altercation outside a Venice bar.

Oklahoma City police have killed four people, including an 83-year-old white man wielding a machete.

"We want to do the most we can to keep from taking someone's life, even under the worst circumstances," said Oklahoma City Police Chief William Citty. "There are just going to be some shootings that are unavoidable."

In Bakersfield, Calif., all three of the department's killings occurred in a span of 10 days in March. The most recent involved Adrian Hernandez, a 22-year-old Hispanic man accused of raping his roommate, dousing her with flammable liquid and setting fire to their home.

After a manhunt, **police** cornered Hernandez, who jumped out of his car holding a BB gun. **Police** opened fire, and some Bakersfield residents say they are glad the **officers** did.

"I'm relieved he can't come back here, to be honest with you," said Brian Haver, who lives next door to the house Hernandez torched. "If he came out holding a gun, what were they supposed to do?"

Although law enforcement officials say many shootings are preventable, that is not always true. In dozens of cases, **officers** rushed into volatile situations and saved lives. Examples of **police** heroism abound.

In Tempe, Ariz., **police** rescued a 25-year-old woman who had been stabbed and tied up and was screaming for help. Her boyfriend, Matthew Metz, a 26-year-old white man, also stabbed an **officer** before he was shot and killed, according to **police** records.

In San Antonio, a patrol **officer** heard gunshots and rushed to the parking lot of Dad's Karaoke bar to find a man shooting into the crowd. Richard Castilleja, a 29-year-old Latino, had hit two men and was still unloading his weapon when he was shot and killed, according to **police** records.

And in Los Angeles County, a Hawthorne **police officer** working overtime was credited with saving the life of a 12-year-old boy after a frantic woman in a gray Mercedes pulled alongside the **officer** and said three men in a white Cadillac were following her and her son.

Seconds later, the Cadillac roared up. Robert Washington, a 37-year-old black man, jumped out and began shooting into the woman's car.

"He had two revolvers and started shooting both of them with no words spoken. He shot and killed the mom, and then he started shooting at the kid," said Eddie Aguirre, a Los Angeles County homicide detective investigating the case.

"The deputy got out of his patrol car and started shooting," Aguirre said. "He saved the boy's life."

In about half the shootings, **police** were responding to non-domestic criminal situations, with robberies and traffic infractions ranking among the most common offenses. Nearly half of blacks and other minorities were killed under such circumstances. So were about a third of whites.

In North Carolina, a **police officer** searching for clues in a hit-and-run case approached a green and white mobile home owned by Lester Brown, a 58-year-old white man. On the front porch, the **officer** spotted an illegal liquor still. He called for backup, and drug agents soon arrived with a search warrant.

Officers knocked on the door and asked Brown to secure his dog. Instead, Brown dashed upstairs and grabbed a Soviet SKS rifle, according to police reports.

Neighbor Joe Guffey Jr. told a local TV reporter that he was sitting at home with his dogs when the shooting started: "Pow, pow, pow, pow, pow," Brown was hit seven times and pronounced dead at the scene.

While Brown allegedly stood his ground, many others involved in criminal activity chose to flee when confronted by **police.** Kassick, for example, attracted Mearkle's attention because he had expired vehicle inspection stickers. On the day he died, Kassick was on felony probation for drunken driving and had drugs in his system, **police** and autopsy reports show.

After failing to pull over, Kassick drove to his sister's house in Hummelstown, Pa., jumped out of the car and ran.

Mearkle repeatedly struck Kassick with a stun gun and then shot him twice in the back while he was face-down in the snow.

Jimmy Ray Robinson, a.k.a. the "Honey Bun Bandit," allegedly robbed five convenience stores in Central Texas, grabbing some of the sticky pastries along the way. Robinson, a 51-year-old black man, fled when he spotted Waco police officers staking out his home.

Robinson sped off in reverse in a green Ford Explorer. It got stuck in the mud, and four Waco officers opened fire.

"They think they can outrun the **officers.** They don't realize how dangerous it is," said Samuel Lee Reid, executive director of the Atlanta Citizen Review Board, which investigates **police** shootings and recently launched a "Don't Run" campaign. "The panic sets in," and "all they can think is that they don't want to get caught and go back to jail."

The most troubling cases began with a cry for help.

About half the shootings occurred after family members, neighbors or strangers sought help from **police** because someone was suicidal, behaving erratically or threatening violence.

Take Shane Watkins, a 39-year-old white man, who died in his mother's driveway in Moulton, Ala.

Watkins had never been violent, and family members were not afraid for their safety when they called Lawrence County sheriff's deputies in March. But Watkins, who suffered from bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, was off his medication. Days earlier, he had declared himself the "god of the fifth element" and demanded whiskey and beer so he could "cleanse the earth with it," said his sister, Yvonne Cote.

Then he started threatening to shoot himself and his dog, Slayer. His mother called Cote, who called 911. Cote got back on the phone with her mother, who watched Watkins walk onto the driveway holding a box cutter to his chest. A patrol car pulled up, and Cote heard her mother yell: "Don't shoot! He doesn't have a gun!"

"Then I heard the gunshots," Cote said.

Lawrence County sheriff's officials declined to comment and have refused to release documents related to the case.

"There are so many unanswered questions," she said. "All he had was a box cutter. Wasn't there some other way for them to handle this?"

Catherine Daniels called **police** for the same reason. "I wanted to get my son help," she said. Instead, **officers** Peter Ehrlich and Eddo Trimino fired their stun guns after Hall hit them with the metal end of the broomstick, according to investigative documents.

"Please don't hurt my child," Daniels pleaded, in a scene captured by a camera mounted on the dash of one of the patrol cars.

"Get on the f---ing ground or you're dead!" Trimino shouted. Then he fired five shots.

Police spokesman Mike Wright declined to comment on the case. Daniels said no one from the city has contacted her. "I haven't received anything. No apology, nothing."

But hours after her son was killed, Daniels said, **officers** investigating the shooting dropped off a six-pack of Coca-Cola.

"I regret calling them," Daniels said. "They took my son's life."

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About this article

As part of an ongoing examination of **police** accountability, The Washington Post has attempted to track every **fatal** shooting by law enforcement nationwide since January, as well as the number of **officers** who were fatally shot in the line of duty.

The Post compiled the data using news reports, **police** records, open sources on the Internet and other original reporting. Several organizations, including Killed by **Police and Fatal** Encounters, have been collecting information about people who die during encounters with **police**.

The Post documented only those incidents in which a **police officer**, while on duty, shot and killed a civilian. Cases in which **officers** were shot to **death** were also tabulated.

To comprehensively examine the issue, a database was compiled with information about each incident, including the deceased's age, race, gender, location and general circumstances. The Post also noted whether **police** reported that the person was armed and, if so, with what type of weapon.

The FBI and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention log **fatal police** shootings, but the data the two federal agencies gather is incomplete. The Post analyzed a decade of FBI and CDC records as part of the study.

To examine racial and economic patterns, The Post identified the location of every **fatal** shooting and compared it with the composition of the surrounding census tract.

The data, which will be collected through the end of the year, will be made public at a future date.

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Justice officials rarely get involved; r eforms can lead to little change.

BYLINE: By Pat Beall and Lawrence Mower Palm Beach Post Staff Writers

BODY:

Don't confuse the Department of Justice with the cavalry.

When it comes to **police** department reform, "Too many community activists think the Justice Department is going to save us," said Samuel Walker, a professor emeritus at the University of Nebraska who has written extensively on **police** accountability.

Unofficial reports that Palm Beach County **Sheriff's** Office shootings had drawn DOJ's attention began surfacing days after The Palm Beach Post and WPTV NewsChannel 5 published a series detailing 15 years of shootings. Last week, Palm Beach County **Sheriff** Ric Bradshaw said the FBI is investigating a single, as-yet unidentified PBSO incident.

Federal intervention could lead to sweeping changes in long-established **police** practice. However, getting that kind of formal attention is as difficult as it is rare.

True, there are plenty of recent DOJ interventions: In 2011, it investigated **police** departments in Miami and New Orleans; in 2013, Cleveland; in 2014 Ferguson, Mo.; and, last week, the department officially opened a civil rights investigation into the Baltimore **Police** Department, after riots followed a man's in-custody **death.**

In every case, DOJ was seen as the last, best hope for policing the police.

But for two decades, the special civil rights section handling investigations has been buffeted by politics and hamstrung by scant resources. And some departments, including the Miami **Police** Department, revert to poor or even lethal policing as soon as DOJ leaves town.

Question of resources

Besieged with hundreds of requests for help every year from advocacy groups, community leaders, lawyers, city councils, mayors and even **police** chiefs, DOJ's civil rights section is simply too small for the task, said Walker.

"You have 18,000 police departments, a lot of police misconduct and extremely limited resources," he said.

"They couldn't possibly do it all."

For instance, when Michael Brown was shot by a **police officer** in Ferguson last August, prompting riots, looting and national outrage, DOJ opened an investigation into the Ferguson **police** department. Officials went through 35,000 pages of **police** records and thousands of emails. They brought in statistical experts to analyze traffic stops, searches, citations, and arrests. They pored over court fees and municipal budgets.

That was just one tiny **police** department: 54 **police officers**.

It's roughly the same number of lawyers in the entire DOJ section responsible for **police** department cases, according to a recent study into DOJ investigations by The Marshall Project, a nonprofit advocacy group.

That helps explain why, since Congress first gave DOJ authority to investigate **police** department misconduct in 1994, the agency has averaged just three investigations a year, said Stephen Rushin, a visiting professor of law at the University of Illinois and an expert on DOJ investigations of **police** misconduct.

"Why us?"

Why DOJ picks one **police** department over another can be baffling. When DOJ announced it would investigate Steubenville, Ohio, in 1996, the city manager protested, "Why us? Why a small town instead of Chicago?"

There's no clear answer, for instance, as to why the FBI would show interest in Palm Beach County and not Chicago.

And DOJ may want it that way.

"There is no checklist that says, 'If I do these things, I am going to fall into the investigation bucket, and if I do these other things, I am going to fall outside the investigation bucket," DOJ special litigation chief Jonathan Smith said in a 2013 meeting with **police** chiefs from throughout the country.

Keeping **police** departments guessing can be a useful tool, Rushin suggested. After all, the prospect of winning DOJ's "terrible lottery" might prompt reforms just to keep the agency away.

In fact, said Walker, after 20 years of DOJ settlements, every **police** department in the country already has a road map for DOJ-blessed reforms.

Bradshaw, for instance, examined DOJ reviews in Albuquerque, N.M., and elsewhere to develop policies on shootings. It's one reason he insists any federal investigation will confirm that PBSO is far ahead of the curve when it comes to what DOJ wants.

"I don't care if they come in here or not," said Bradshaw last year. The **sheriff** made his comments shortly after attorney Jack Scarola, who represents a bicyclist shot and paralyzed by a PBSO **deputy** in 2013, wrote then-Attorney General Eric Holder and asked that DOJ investigate.

"I would be very confident that if they looked at our policies, they looked at our procedures, they looked at how we investigate these things, we're going to be so far ahead of everybody else, you have no idea," Bradshaw said.

Problems elsewhere

But DOJ has faulted departments in other cities for certain types of shootings that also occurred in Palm Beach County: shooting **unarmed** or mentally ill **suspects**, shootings in which larger-than-expected numbers of victims are racial or ethnic minorities and a record of rarely faulting a law enforcement **officer's** actions.

In three fatal PBSO shootings since 2010, the suspects weren't armed. Further, roughly one in every four PBSO

shootings since 2000, including those that did not injure or kill a **suspect**, also involved **unarmed suspects**, a figure higher than at least two cities DOJ has criticized.

Also in the past five years, a 17-year-old with Down syndrome and a mentally ill man who was not competent to stand trial were shot. A diagnosed schizophrenic was shot and killed. So was a teenager with serious mental illnesses who was throwing rocks at a **deputy**.

Since 2000, PBSO has ruled all but one of 45 **fatal** shootings were justified. Since 2010, every PBSO shooting was ruled justified, a 100 percent clearance rate. By contrast, DOJ found Miami's 87 percent clearance rate unrealistically high.

Finally, **deputies** have disproportionately shot at black people, particularly young men. Although African-Americans make up 15 percent of people living in the area PBSO patrols, they represent 35 percent of those shot at by PBSO. One in three was unarmed.

Political winds

No single questionable shooting, or even several shootings, automatically means DOJ will come knocking.

For one thing, the number of investigations and settlements closely tracks who occupies the White House.

During the Bill Clinton era, when legislation enabling investigations passed in the wake of the Rodney King beating, DOJ promptly opened a handful of cases.

President George W. Bush, on the other hand, expressed reluctance to become involved in local law enforcement issues.

Policies and priorities are expected to shift with administrations. However, in the Bush years, a **deputy** assistant attorney general overseeing the DOJ division handling **police** investigations went beyond policy shifts, according to a DOJ inspector general inquiry.

The report concluded Bradley Schlozman weeded out or refused to hire attorneys not affiliated with Republicans or conservative groups, and expressed a desire to avoid attorneys involved in "some crazy liberal organization ... I just want to make sure we don't start confining ourselves to, you know, Politburo members because they happen to be a member of some, you know, psychopathic left-wing organization."

However, another assistant attorney general interviewed by the inspector general said Schlozman wasn't doing anything out of the ordinary: Under Clinton, he said, there was a virtual ban on hiring conservatives.

Schlozman served between 2003 and 2006. Between 2004 and 2008, new investigations of **police** departments dropped sharply. Not one reform agreement with a **police** department was finalized, and many investigations simply were closed.

After Barack Obama was elected, DOJ priorities changed again.

Eric Holder ramped up the number of investigations, picking up speed as Obama neared reelection: 15 new investigations or major settlements in the past three years.

Repeat offenders

However, charges against individuals are rarely open and shut: No charges against a **police officer** were brought in the Michael Brown shooting, for instance, which triggered the Ferguson unrest.

And when DOJ investigates a department, there's no guarantee reforms will stick.

Take Miami. After 13 Miami **officers** were indicted for conspiring to block an investigation into **police** shootings, DOJ in 2002 launched its first investigation at the request of then-Mayor Joe Carollo and **Police** Chief Raul Martinez.

Miami pledged voluntary changes, including stronger policies, better training and thorough investigations into shootings as well as other uses of force.

For 20 months, not a single officer fired a gun.

By 2006, after that period ended, DOJ became alarmed at how **officers** were using force on suspects, including lethal force. It sent a letter to the department, and Miami agreed to restrict shootings and better investigate them.

Then DOJ withdrew.

Shootings began again.

Between 2008 and 2011, **police** shot at civilians 33 times. In a matter of months, **officers** killed six young African-American men.

In February 2011, Travis McNeil became the seventh.

Reaching for cellphone

McNeil and his cousin, Kareem Williams, were pulled over after leaving a bar.

It was a high-powered traffic stop: Miami **police** and federal agents had been combing the streets as part of a joint effort to arrest gang members.

Three unmarked cars drew up to McNeil's Kia Sorrento, effectively boxing him in. Miami officer Reynaldo Goyos drew his gun, got within a foot of McNeil's open window and fired three shots, killing him.

McNeil had ducked toward the floorboard, Goyos said later, and could have been reaching for a gun. There was no gun, only two cellphones.

There were other incidents. One **officer** fired because a motorist was reaching for his wallet after he had been told to provide identification. At other times, **police** literally could not shoot straight: Bullets aimed at suspects were found lodged in the homes and cars of bystanders.

In 2011, DOJ opened its second investigation in 12 years, concluding that it was time for "court-enforceable" remedies.

Another way?

Las Vegas tried a different tack.

In 2011, two weeks after The Las Vegas Review-Journal reported many **police** shootings of suspects could have been avoided, **officers** shot and killed an unarmed, mentally ill Gulf War veteran.

A hail of criticism followed. But instead of an investigation by DOJ's special litigation section, DOJ's Community Oriented Policing Services division led a review.

The COPS division has no legal authority to enforce its recommendations, a fact that led some critics to doubt its effectiveness.

But the process was praised as faster, cheaper and more cooperative, thus generating change more quickly. And three years after the COPS report was published, there's evidence that it worked, said William Sousa, director of the

University of Nevada's Center for Crime and Justice Policy.

The number of shootings by Las Vegas Metro **Police** Department **officers** overall is down, he said, and when shootings do occur, the circumstances are more understandable -- almost all of the **suspects** have been **armed**.

Regardless of which DOJ division intervenes, reforms can work, Sousa said.

And regardless of whether DOJ is investigating a single shooting, such as in Palm Beach County, or an entire department, he said law enforcement officials will want to take their concerns seriously: "The federal government doesn't usually have an interest in investing resources in areas where they don't have a great chance of winning."

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What you need to know

~HOA~128~128~ While some see the U.S. Department of Justice as the ultimate authority over local **police** departments, it's rare for the feds to get involved, and, even when they do, their reforms can lead to little change.

~HOA~128~128~ Further, DOJ investigations are political and depend on who is occupying the White House.

~HOA~128~128~ Still, DOJ has left a litany of reforms over 20 years, a blueprint Palm Beach County Sheriff Ric Bradshaw says he considers, even as his agency has justified 44 of 45 fatal shootings since 2000.

When the Justice Department comes knocking

Three DOJ approaches:

~HOA~128~128~ Investigates entire departments to determine whether a "pattern or practice" of civil rights violations exists. May impose reforms and force cities to pay for monitoring.

~HOA~128~128~ Investigates individual **police officers**, including those who shot **unarmed suspects**, to determine whether they used "objectively unreasonable force." May bring criminal charges.

~HOA~128~128~ Sends in Community Oriented Policing Services division to investigate or oversee investigation of **police** departments. Makes nonbinding recommendations for reform.

WHAT THE

PROBE FOUND

The Post and NewsChannel 5 found that the Palm Beach County **Sheriff's** Office has cleared 97 percent of **fatal police** shootings since 2000 and that evidence is ignored in the investigations.

Read the full investigation at mypalmbeachpost.com/ policeshootings

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The Jacksonville **Sheriff's** Office is leading an investigation into a reported sex crime Friday at Matthew Gilbert Middle School.

The Duval County School Board **police** requested assistance from the **Sheriff's** Office Friday after the incident was reported, **police** said.

No arrests have been made but the **Sheriff's** Office is investigating. No other details were released.

Joe Daraskevich

BABY SITTER CONVICTED ON SEX BATTERY CHARGE

A 23-year-old baby sitter who forced a child to perform a sexual act on him in 2012 was convicted and faces a mandatory life sentence in prison, according to the State Attorney's Office.

Brandon Jerome Fleming was found guilty of sexual battery Friday.

Fleming forced a 6-year-old child to perform a sexual act on him while he was baby-sitting in 2012, prosecutors said. The child later told her mother and she contacted authorities.

Fleming is scheduled to be sentenced the week of June 1.

Joe Daraskevich

PERSON IN WHEELCHAIR HIT BY TRACTOR-TRAILER

An adult in an automated wheelchair was taken to a hospital in life-threatening condition after being struck by a tractor-trailer Thursday night in Jacksonville.

Officers responded to the 5900 block of New Kings Road about 8:30 p.m. after the crash was reported and the pedestrian was taken to UF Health Jacksonville in life-threatening condition, Lt. M.T. Mahaffay said.

He said the pedestrian was in the northbound lanes of New Kings in an area without a crosswalk near Edgewood Avenue.

The driver of the tractor-trailer remained at the scene and is cooperating with the investigation, Mahaffay said.

The pedestrian's identity has not been released.

Joe Daraskevich

POLICE: FATAL DISPUTE OVER A CHANGE IN PLANS

A dispute over a change in party plans led to the slaying of a Jacksonville woman, whose boyfriend was charged Thursday with murder, **police** said in releasing new details Friday.

Calvin Tyrone Andrews Jr., 36, is charged with murder in the **death** of LaBreka Brittany Evans, 29. Both lived in a home in the 2500 block of Woodland Street.

Andrews was initially charged with aggravated domestic battery after Evans was shot in the chest April 26. She was shot at their home off Moncrief Road after the couple began arguing and pushing and shoving over a change in a party they were planning, said Assistant Chief Chris Butler.

Andrews initially told a neighbor Evans shot herself before driving her to the hospital. The neighbor told **police** that Evans was heard saying, "Help me, don't let him take me."

A witness took possession of children, ages 6 and 10, at the home. Evans was their mother, while Andrews is the father of one of the children, Butler said.

Evans was listed in life-threatening condition and died two days later. Butler said **police** investigated domestic incidents involving the couple in 2008 and 2012.

Jim Schoettler

BAKER

MAN DEAD IN HOME AFTER POLICE STANDOFF

A 62-year-old Baker County man who barricaded himself in a home Friday after firing shots at his wife was found dead inside when authorities entered, according to the **Sheriff's** Office.

The call came about 1:30 p.m. after the man fired shots at his wife as she left the home on Florida 121 in a vehicle, **Sheriff** Joey Dobson said. She was not injured.

Dobson said the special response team surrounded the home and filled it with gas to try to get the man to come out.

When that didn't work, members of the team entered the home about 5:50 p.m. and found the man dead from a gunshot wound. Dobson said.

The man's identity has not been released.

Joe Daraskevich

CLAY

JAILED MAN CHARGED WITH VIDEO VOYEURISM

A 55-year-old Orange Park man who was first arrested in December on child-pornography charges was charged Thursday with 27 counts of video voyeurism, according to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

Gary Dean Newton is in the Clay County jail on \$540,000 bail, according to the Department of Law Enforcement. He

will be transferred to the Duval County jail.

Newton was initially arrested after videos of child pornography were found during a search warrant at his home.

Agents located evidence of video voyeurism involving numerous victims during that investigation, which led to the additional charges Thursday, according to the FDLE. Further details were not provided.

Joe Daraskevich

COLUMBIA

THIRD SUSPECT IN FATAL SHOOTING TURNS SELF IN

The third suspect in a deadly Columbia County shooting turned himself in Thursday night after a wanted poster was reposted to social media, according to the Lake City **Police** Department.

Authorities in Columbia County responded to Annie Mattox Park on March 31 after three people were shot, according to the Lake City **Police** Department. Two of the victims survived, but 16-year-old Travarious Claridy died several days later.

A 16-year-old turned himself in after three arrest warrants were issued, then Bennie L. Jordan, 40, did the same Tuesday after media reported he had a warrant for his arrest, according to the **Police** Department.

Ronyeah R. Wright, 19, was the third suspect and was thought to be in Jacksonville but showed up for Columbia County authorities Thursday night.

Joe Daraskevich

FLAGLER

PALM COAST WOMAN CRITICAL AFTER WRECK

A 60-year-old Palm Coast woman was taken to a hospital in critical condition Friday after a crash in Flagler County, according to the Florida Highway Patrol.

Yelizaveta Horton was in a Saturn at a stop sign in the northbound lanes of Smith Trail at Sesame Boulevard when she drove into the path of a Chrysler Town & Country about 10 a.m., according to the Highway Patrol.

Robin Best, 58, was driving east in the Chrysler and hit the side of the Saturn, the FHP said. An 8-year-old and a 2-year-old were in the Chrysler. All three in the van suffered minor injuries.

Horton was transported in life-threatening condition. All were wearing seat belts, the FHP said.

Joe Daraskevich

PUTNAM

SUSPECT CHARGED AFTER ARMED STANDOFF

A 34-year-old East Palatka man was zapped with a Taser, then arrested late Thursday after an armed standoff with **deputies** on Bangor Avenue, according to the Putnam County **Sheriff's** Office.

Timothy Paul Anderson was charged with shooting a firearm within a private residence and two counts of possession of a firearm by a felon.

The standoff began about 9 p.m. after a **deputy** was dispatched to a home when a 911 caller hung up abruptly, the **Sheriff's** Office said. The **deputy** met with Anderson's mother, who said her son had a handgun and had threatened to shoot himself. She said he had earlier fired one shot inside another occupied home and that she had been cut when the bullet shattered a floor tile.

The woman said her son now had a shotgun and was inside a house on Bangor Avenue with his 81-year-old grandmother.

Deputies surrounded the house, and Anderson came out armed with a large knife, the **Sheriff's** Office said. After refusing to drop the knife and lie on the ground, he was disabled with a Taser and taken into custody.

Dan Scanlan

ST. JOHNS

STUDENT ARRESTED AFTER GUN FOUND IN CAR

A Creekside High School student in St. Johns County has been suspended for 10 days and arrested after a loaded .38-caliber handgun was found in his sport-utility vehicle at school Thursday afternoon, according to Times-Union news partner First Coast News.

Griffin Scott Hudgins, 18, was charged with possession of a firearm on school property. That's after a K-9 **police** dog alerted authorities to his Ford Explorer during a sniff check in the parking lot, and the Smith and Wesson revolver, loaded with five rounds, was found in the trunk, according to the St. Johns County **Sheriff's** Office.

The student was automatically suspended and will go before the county school district's discipline committee to determine whether further punishment is warranted, district spokeswoman Christina Langston said.

Hudgins told school staff at the scene that he knew the gun was inside the vehicle, according to an arrest report. Also found inside the vehicle was a retractable metal baton, according to the report.

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Before Gray case, just five in three decades charged in fatal actions while on duty

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BODY:

Marleta House struggled for years to stop hating the Baltimore **police officer** who shot and killed her husband in 1999 after mistaking his cellphone for a gun. "I don't hate him now," said House, who lives in Dundalk. "He has to answer to a higher power."

But the 45-year-old MTA bus driver remains just as frustrated today that **Officer** Christopher Graul was not charged and that Baltimore prosecutors never bothered to tell her why.

Most families do not see **officers** charged and tried in a **death** resulting from an encounter with city **police.** In fact, before State's Attorney Marilyn J. Mosby charged six **officers** in the **death** of Freddie Gray, just five city **officers** during the past three decades have faced criminal prosecution for on-duty actions that resulted in **death**, according to interviews with experts, news reports, government data and court records. One was found guilty; the verdict was overturned on appeal.

While officials acknowledge that there is no comprehensive historical data on **police**-involved **deaths**, the period since 2006 provides a telling sample. Sixty-seven people died in encounters with **officers** over that period, according to the Baltimore **Police** Department, and two **officers** faced criminal charges in those incidents. One, who was on duty when a **fatal** shooting took place, was acquitted. Another, who was off duty at a nightclub, was convicted and sentenced to 15 years in a separate shooting.

That illustrates the high bar Mosby faces as she seeks to turn her charges into convictions. Four **officers** in the Gray case face charges that range from involuntary manslaughter to second-degree-murder; the two others face lesser charges.

"It's very difficult to get verdicts against the **police**," said A. Dwight Pettit, an attorney who has filed dozens of civil lawsuits alleging **police** brutality, including one he lost involving the **death** of House's husband. "People do not want to believe -- before the advent of cameras and cellphones -- that the **police** would do that type of malicious conduct."

House and other relatives of those who died in **police** encounters hope Mosby's prosecution and a federal investigation of the **Police** Department will help change a prosecutorial process that they say favors **police** and fosters further brutality.

"With the Freddie Gray case, at least someone can have justice," House said. "They will never have closure. It's just a sad situation. You're leaving kids without fathers, wives without husbands, mothers without sons. With no answers."

Policing experts say the reason Baltimore **officers** avoid charges is clear: They are frequently thrust into dangerous situations in one of the nation's most violent cities and must protect themselves, their partners and others in the vicinity.

"As horrible as it is, the **officer** can do it right by the book and someone may tragically lose their life," said Bill Johnson, executive director of the National Association of **Police** Organizations.

Officers involved in deaths are intensely scrutinized -- by internal affairs units, prosecutors, the news media, lawyers, civilian review boards and, sometimes, federal investigators, he said.

"I don't think it's correct for people to say that these things get swept under the carpet," Johnson said.

Mosby and predecessors Gregg L. Bernstein and Patricia C. Jessamy declined to comment for this article, as did the Baltimore **Police** Department and the Fraternal Order of **Police** Lodge 3.

But other prosecutors say the decision to charge an officer must follow the evidence, not public passions.

"There's no big conspiracy not to convict **police officers**," said Melba V. Pearson, president of the National Black Prosecutors Association. "I cannot file cases that I cannot prove."

While Mosby has been praised for charging the **officers** involved in the April 12 arrest of Gray -- who died a week later from spinal injuries sustained in **police** custody -- some legal experts say she brought charges to quell Baltimore's civil unrest rather than to seek justice.

"Every **death** is a tragedy, but not every **death** is a murder or a crime," said Jason Weinstein, a criminal defense attorney and former federal prosecutor in Maryland who won a public corruption conviction against former Baltimore **police** Commissioner Edward Norris in 2004. "Whether you have a badge or not, if there is sufficient evidence that you engaged in illegal conduct, you should be prosecuted.

"But if there's not sufficient evidence, then you shouldn't be prosecuted. That should be the only question. It shouldn't be how much coverage there is on CNN or if there were riots."

The city's rare cases

The last Baltimore officer charged with an on-duty killing was Tommy Sanders in 2008. Sanders shot an unarmed 27-year-old in the back as the man fled from the Hamilton Park Shopping Center. A jury acquitted Sanders of manslaughter after he said the man, Edward Lamont Hunt, reached into a pocket, making him fear for his life.

Years earlier, Stephen Pagotto was charged with manslaughter in the 1996 shooting **death** of a 22-year-old man during a traffic stop in Northeast Baltimore. Pagotto was convicted, but the verdict was overturned on appeal.

Pagotto said the shooting was an accident caused when his gun discharged accidentally, and the state's highest court ruled he was not criminally responsible. But the court noted that the sergeant violated departmental rules, which amounted to "civil negligence," and the city paid \$100,000 to settle a lawsuit filed by the family of the driver, Preston Barnes.

In such settlements, the city and officers do not acknowledge liability for a death.

Charges against three other **officers** in the **deaths** of suspects between 1983 and 1994 ended in a mistrial and two acquittals.

The only other **officer** to be convicted of manslaughter in the past 30 years was Gahiji Tshamba, who was off duty when he shot and killed Tyrone Brown in a fight outside a nightclub in 2010. He was sentenced to 15 years, and the city paid a settlement in the **death** because Brown's lawyer argued that Tshamba had claimed to be making an off-duty arrest.

Such cases, though, are exceptions. Officers rarely are charged, let alone convicted, in arrest-related deaths.

But just how rare it is can be hard to quantify because not all law enforcement agencies keep track of the number of people killed in **police** encounters, and there is some variability in the way states collect data. Over the three decades, at least 120 people have died in encounters with Baltimore **police**, according to city statistics and news reports.

The federal Bureau of Justice Statistics concluded in March that its tally of arrest-related **deaths** likely captures half, at best, of the actual number of incidents. Nationwide from 2003 to 2009, the most recent statistics available, 4,813 arrest-related **deaths** were reported to the agency. Nearly 3,000 of them were classified as homicides by law enforcement; others include people who committed suicide when an **officer** responded to a 911 call, or who sped away from a traffic stop and crashed. Detainees also have died from drug overdoses and other health problems while in **police** custody.

A bill signed into law by Gov. Larry Hogan on Tuesday requires law enforcement agencies to report to the state the number of **police**-involved **deaths**, as well as any **officers** killed in the line of duty.

The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention will start collecting the data in July and issue a report in October 2016 that will cover the three previous years, said Gregory Coster, who directs the office's Maryland Statistical Analysis Center. He said Maryland was already reporting **deaths** to the Bureau of Justice Statistics on a voluntary basis, but the new law makes it mandatory for local **police** departments to provide information to the state.

"I think any time you have a **death** in **police** custody, it's something state and local government and the community needs to know about," said Christopher Shank, the former state senator who now directs the crime control office.

'I try to make him proud'

Officer Shean D. Camper is among the rarities. A grand jury indicted him for manslaughter in the shooting **death** of Jerrod D. Wagstaff, 25, in a dark alley off the 2700 block of Tivoly Ave. on May 6, 1994.

"I'm gone, man, I'm gone," Andre Flood, now 44, remembers his brother saying as he lay wounded that night.

Flood and his mother returned this week to their former block, one of Baltimore's most notoriously criminal and tragic. After years of contending with the blight and drug trafficking in that part of Northeast Baltimore, the city in 2008 began leveling the block for a multimillion-dollar redevelopment project.

But two bedraggled rowhouses remain on one stretch of the street: 2783, where the Floods lived, and 2781, where 10 people perished in a 1982 fire that remains among the most deadly in city history.

"I come down every once in a while just to look," Diane Flood said as a giant earth-moving machine rumbled over a pile of bricks a couple of lots down.

The night of the shooting remains vivid to the Floods 21 years later: **Police** arrived to investigate reports of gunfire in the area, and Camper said Wagstaff began running, prompting a chase. Stories diverge at this point: Camper said the two scuffled, and he fired when Wagstaff took a threatening stance. Witnesses said Wagstaff was climbing over a fence when he was shot.

The medical examiner's report said Wagstaff had puncture marks on his left hand from scaling the fence, and a bullet fired by Camper shattered against the fence, with a fragment striking Wagstaff.

A witness at the time said she heard Wagstaff call for his mother, a medical assistant. But Andre Flood said **police** prevented her from getting to him and possibly rendering aid. Diane Flood said she rode in the ambulance with her unconscious son to Johns Hopkins Hospital, where a doctor she worked with was among those who tried to save him.

Camper went to trial in March 1995 and was found not guilty. He and his attorney did not respond to requests for comment.

"I felt as though he had gotten away with shooting my son," said Diane Flood, now retired. She filed a wrongful-death suit against Camper, hoping that Wagstaff's son, then 2, would have money for college.

Before that civil suit could come to trial, Camper, while off duty, was involved in a traffic dispute in which the other driver stopped, got out and struck him with a baseball bat. Camper shot and critically wounded the man, and the shooting was ruled justified.

A jury ultimately awarded Wagstaff's family \$111,000. The award was later revised, and Flood said that after lawyers' fees, she and her grandson each received about \$33,000.

Wagstaff's son, Brian Daniels, now 23, said his grandmother's wishes were fulfilled -- some of the settlement allowed him to attend community college and Morgan State University. He now works seven days a week -- Monday through Friday in help-desk support for TEKsystems, which was founded by Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti, and on weekends at a YMCA.

No amount of money, though, can replace his loss, he said.

"I don't have a memory of my dad. I didn't have him at my games, at graduation, at birthday parties," said Daniels, who played football and lacrosse at Dunbar High School. "But I try to make him proud."

Daniels credits his family, especially his grandmother Diane and uncle Andre, who is a truck driver and coach, with raising him to respect **police officers**. And in fact, he said, he has applied to join the Anne Arundel **Police** Department.

A 'difficult' standard

The details of a 1994 incident are early familiar: A man is arrested in Sandtown-Winchester and placed in a **police** transport van, where he is later found unconscious.

Police said Jesse Chapman, 30, followed his girlfriend into the Western District **police** station late that night, where she'd gone to complain that he had beaten her. There, he tried to hit her, **police** said, and when **officers** tried to intervene, he ran. **Police** chased and caught him.

The **death** triggered days of protests, with more than 100 demonstrators converging on the Western District station at times.

The medical examiner's office said Chapman's heart-lung system collapsed under stress from cocaine use, an asthma attack and a struggle with arresting **officers**, and there was no evidence of repeated blows or significant injuries. A grand jury declined to indict the **officers** involved.

While most **police officers** who have been involved in arrest-related **deaths** declined to comment for this article or did not respond to requests, one former **officer** did defend his actions.

Charles M. Smothers shot a knife-wielding man outside Lexington Market in August 1997, an incident that was videotaped by a bystander and sparked community protests. But he rejected comparisons to the **death** of Freddie Gray.

"My case is totally different," Smothers said. "I shot an armed suspect."

The videotape of the shooting showed four **officers** with their guns drawn approaching James Quarles III, who had been using a knife to open a package of socks he was hawking on the street. They ordered the 22-year-old, who was hunched with both hands close to the ground, to drop the knife, and when he failed to do so, Smothers shot him.

Then-state's attorney Jessamy decided not to present the case to a grand jury because she could "find no evidence of a crime."

Smothers' career was changed anyway. As a result of the shooting, a previous domestic violence incident became more widely known and then-Commissioner Thomas C. Frazier fired him. Smothers had been charged with shooting at an ex-girlfriend and her new boyfriend in April 1995 -- the **officer** said his gun went off accidentally -- and he received probation before judgment.

"As a **police officer**, I did my job," said Smothers, who has joined the Fire Department. "The **Police** Department turned their back on me."

When police officers are accused of shooting someone, they often testify that they feared for their life.

That's no accident. The Supreme Court case of Graham v. Connor established the reasonableness standard for judging **police officers** who shoot people. Prosecutors and juries are required to consider the actions by putting themselves into the decisive moment when a gun was used, based on the specific facts and circumstances of each incident.

If **officers** say they feared for their lives when they killed someone, it's hard to refute that assertion without other credible evidence, said Ron Hosko, a former assistant FBI director and president of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund.

That's for good reason, said Jim Pasco, executive director of the National Fraternal Order of **Police.** "What would seem to be the most routine of **police** activities -- a traffic stop and a call for a domestic incident -- are ironically the most dangerous," he said.

A New York City officer and two officers in Mississippi died this month from gunshot wounds suffered in traffic stops.

"Often they come on a scene when an event is in progress, and they have to make a split-second decision about what action to take," Pasco said. "These actions are subject to endless second-guessing."

But that frustrates attorneys like Pettit.

"That's the boilerplate, standard defense: 'I thought I saw a gun, I thought my life was in jeopardy and I reacted,' " he said. "The Supreme Court doesn't allow you to second-guess the **police** and their other options. The law makes it very difficult to try these cases."

'An ugly situation'

Critics say other factors add to the difficulty of bringing charges against **police officers** who are involved in a suspect's **death.**

Officers often protect one another in such situations, said attorney William H. "Billy" Murphy Jr., who represents Gray's family. "That's dishonorable. You have a nation that institutionally the **police** are believed over anybody black and over most citizens."

In addition, Murphy said prosecutors struggle to bring charges against officers they work with routinely.

Philip Stinson, a criminologist at Bowling Green State University who has studied **police** misconduct cases, said it's always a challenge to convict **police officers**.

"Nobody wants to see a cop go to prison," Stinson said. "It's an ugly situation."

But he said the Gray case might be easier to win than a typical case of a questionable **police** shooting.

"Juries are very reluctant to second-guess **police officers** -- especially in life-and-**death** situations," he said. But in the Gray case, Stinson said, it would be difficult to convince a jury that the **officers** were in any danger.

The facts are still not clear, said Hosko of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund. While Mosby alleges that **officers** ignored Gray's requests for medical care and placed him in a transport van without securing him in a seat belt -- violations of department policy -- Hosko notes that many detainees fake injuries to avoid going to jail. Some **officers** do not place seat belts on suspects who are acting violently, he added.

Mosby has a long way to go to prove that the officers had any criminal intent in how they treated Gray, he said.

But Hosko said it is possible that one or more officers in Gray's arrest might deserve to be criminally charged.

"Are there people who shouldn't be in law enforcement? Absolutely. Good leadership should run them off. But you have a lot of folks out there who got into law enforcement to be public servants and to ensure others' safety at their own risk," Hosko said.

But Tawanda Jones, whose brother died in a scuffle with **police**, is among those encouraged by Mosby's stance.

Jones said a prosecutor's decision not to pursue charges in the **death** of her brother Tyrone West drove her family to hold protests since he died on July 18, 2013.

The state's attorney's office said that **officers** were legally justified in using fists, batons and pepper spray to subdue West, who resisted arrest after a traffic stop. He died as **police** pinned him on the ground.

The medical examiner's office found that West died of a heart problem made worse by dehydration, the July heat and his struggle with **police.** The autopsy report said West did not suffer any injuries that could have killed him, but the medical examiner could not determine whether the **death** resulted from an accident, homicide or another means.

Jones said then-state's attorney Bernstein did meet with the family to explain he would not be indicting any **officers.** "He had the nerve to have us escorted out by a **police officer**," she said.

She still is upset about Bernstein's decision, and recently voiced allegations of **police** brutality to U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch during Lynch's Baltimore visit. The Justice Department later announced a broad civil rights investigation of Baltimore's **police**.

Jones said Mosby has lived up to a campaign promise to prosecute police for misconduct.

"I'm pleased that [Mosby] kept her word true to what she said she will do to handle police brutality," Jones said.

Greta Carter-Willis -- who watched an **officer** shoot and kill her 14-year-old son in her Southwest Baltimore rowhouse -- also is encouraged by Mosby's decision to charge the **officers** in Gray's **death.**

On Aug. 12, 2006, Carter-Willis called **police** to calm her son, Kevin Cooper, because the two were arguing. **Police** said the boy was assaulting his mother, who has always denied that. After two **officers** responded and calmed the boy, **Officer** Roderick Mitter stayed to write a report while the other **officer** left.

Police said Mitter and the boy continued to argue, and the **officer** sprayed him with Mace to no effect. The boy then hit Mitter with a broom handle, which broke, and came at the **officer** with the jagged broken end, according to **police**. That's when Mitter shot him in the shoulder.

Carter-Willis, 52, a retired state correctional **officer**, disputes the **police** account. She says Mitter instigated the argument with her son, who was holding a dustpan when the **officer** shot him.

The boy, who had no criminal record, died that day.

Police declared the shooting "justified" by that afternoon, a decision that Carter-Willis says still baffles her. Mitter, who remains a **police officer**, did not respond to a request for comment.

Pettit filed a lawsuit for wrongful death, but the family lost.

Now, Carter-Willis is closely watching the Gray case.

Mosby's action, she said, "gives me hope that changes are taking place" in how the justice system handles **police**-involved **deaths.**

"It's been swept under the rug," she said, "for a very long time."

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Photo: Above, Marleta House holds a photo of her husband, Mardio, with son Marlik. For years, said House, right, she struggled to stop hating the Baltimore **officer** who killed her unarmed husband in 1999 and was never charged. "I don't hate him now," she said. "He has to answer to a higher power." Photo: Andre Flood's brother Jerrod D. Wagstaff, 25, was shot and killed by an **officer** in a dark alley near their rowhouse in the 2700 block of Tivoly Ave. in Northeast Baltimore on May 6, 1994. Photo: The Baltimore **officer** who shot Wagstaff was acquitted of manslaughter. "I felt as though he had gotten away with shooting my son," said Diane Flood, with son Andre.

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May 22--A Sampson County **sheriff's deputy** who shot and killed an **armed** robbery **suspect** last month was justified in his actions due to the apparent danger posed by the man, who wielded a shotgun as he approached the **deputies**, District Attorney Ernie Lee said Thursday.

On April 12, Jason Lee Evans, 32, of Harrells, was fatally shot by **Sheriff's Deputy** Louis M. High Jr. following a robbery in Garland that extended into a high-speed car chase and subsequent shooting on N.C. 242 near Salemburg.

"After reviewing the investigation with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation, it is clear that Evans' **death**, while tragic, was justified because Evans' actions caused **Deputy** High to reasonably believe it necessary to use deadly force to protect the lives of (himself) and Sgt. Edward Vann," Lee said in a lengthy statement released Thursday.

In the release, the district attorney lays out the evidence in the case and the details of the investigation that occurred in the weeks that followed.

The investigation revealed that prior to the shooting, Evans had committed a robbery of the Han-Dee Hugo's convenience store located at 19 N. Ingold Ave., Garland, was armed with an illegally sawed-off single barrel 410 Revelation shotgun, fired the shotgun at the Han-Dee Hugo's and engaged in a high-speed chase traveling in excess of 100 mph from Garland to near Roseboro.

After using stop sticks to cause Evans to stop his vehicle on N.C. 242 between Reeda Branch Road and Corinth Church Road, Evans exited his vehicle in the presence of two **deputies**, High and Vann, with his sawed-off shotgun. Vann warned Evans to drop his shotgun but Evans kept the shotgun in his right hand toward his own head and refused to follow the commands of law enforcement to put the shotgun down. High fired his law enforcement issued 9 mm handgun, hitting Evans four times.

"Although tragic that a life was lost, the shooting **death** of Evans is found to be justified to protect the safety and lives of **Deputy** High and Sgt. Vann from potential harm as perceived by **Deputy** High," Lee stated.

The **deputy** was placed on paid administrative leave pending the investigation. The SBI dispatched agents to N.C. 242 to investigate the shooting. Lee kept in close contact with SBI Special Agent Bradley Williams, the lead investigator in the case, throughout the probe.

On May 8, Lee said he viewed the video of the armed robbery at the Han-Dee Hugo's as well as the footage from a video camera mounted on Vann's vehicle that captured the high-speed chase and subsequent shooting.

Video footage shows that at about 11:30 p.m., as Evans entered the convenience store he fired one shot from his shotgun into the ceiling and told the two clerks he wanted the registers emptied. Evans reloaded the shotgun while in the store and obtained money during the robbery. At 11:32 p.m., one of the clerks was able to activate the silent alarm, dispatching **deputies** to the store minutes later. The exterior video camera system at the convenience store shows Evans leaving the store in a white four-door Chevrolet Malibu.

At approximately 11:41 p.m., Vann observed the Malibu on N.C. 411 and began his pursuit, reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph. Moments later, High placed stop sticks in the highway in an attempt to stop the Malibu. The vehicle struck the stop sticks and eventually one of his tires began to shred. High and Vann continued their pursuit of Evans, who was seen reaching into his backseat by Vann.

The tire on Evans' vehicle continued to shred and he was eventually riding on the exposed rim, at which point he finally stopped between Reeda Branch Road and Corinth Church Road, approximately 20 miles from the convenience store in Garland.

Vann's in-car camera video shows Evans exiting his vehicle with his shotgun in his right hand. Vann repeatedly yelled at Evans to put the weapon down and he continued to move away from his car and in the direction of the **deputies**, Lee stated. He inched closer to **deputies** with the shotgun to his head, never firing the weapon.

In a statement made to the SBI, High gave an account consistent with the video recording of the pursuit and the shooting, Lee noted. He said he felt threatened by Evans as the man moved from the Malibu and in a direction towards the **deputies.**

At approximately 11:49 p.m., Lee said, High fired his Sig Sauer P226 9mm service handgun at Evans, firing six rounds in total and striking Evans four times. Vann pulled his service handgun but did not fire his weapon. Evans was killed at the scene. The sawed-off shotgun was found next to Evans, loaded with one shotgun shell.

Medical Examiner Dr. Carl Barr, who conducted an autopsy on Evans, confirmed four gunshot wounds, one grazing Evans' right forearm and another that went through his left arm, neither of which were life-threatening. The other two gunshot wounds were to Evans' neck and his head, which was lethal, Barr said.

Lee cited N.C. General Statute 15A-401, which states that when making an arrest a law enforcement officer is justified in using deadly physical force upon another person to defend himself or a third person from what he reasonably believes to be the use or imminent use of deadly physical force. Additionally, he said, general rules of self-defense and defense of others in North Carolina allow for the use of deadly force when the individual actually, or honestly, believed in the need to defend himself or others from **death** or great bodily injury, the District attorney said.

"Clearly, from the facts and circumstances of this case, the officer was justified in using deadly force to defend himself and others from **death** or great bodily injury," Lee remarked. "Law enforcement officers are required to instantaneously evaluate and employ force against possible criminal suspects to thwart apparent dangers to citizens and themselves. Officers must perceive, evaluate, decide and then act often in a matter of seconds. The perceived danger to the officer must be only apparent, not actual, in order to justify use of deadly force."

Although there is evidence of actual danger to High, under the law there was also apparent danger as perceived by him, Lee stated. From the evidence, he noted, it "reasonably appeared" to High there was sufficient basis for self-defense and defense of third persons, his fellow **deputy.**

"Based upon my review of the facts of this case, I have determined that the shooting of Jason Lee Evans on April 12, 2015 was justified to protect the safety and lives of **Deputy** High and Sgt. Vann as the threat appeared to **Deputy** High,"

Lee said. "Deputy High perceived an apparent threat, evaluated the situation in split seconds, made a decision and acted. Deputy High's actions appear reasonable under all the circumstances of this case."

From all the evidence, High initially exercised restraint in the face of imminent danger as Evans exited his vehicle with a loaded weapon in a manner that could reasonably be deemed as threatening, the district attorney.

"As tragic as this incident is with the loss of life, **Deputy** High nonetheless was justified in defending himself from **death** or great bodily injury and in defending the life of fellow officer, Sgt. Vann," Lee concluded. "There is insufficient evidence beyond a reasonable doubt to show that **Deputy** High acted in a manner that was not consistent with his perception of an apparent threat."

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A new report shows that US **police** have shot and killed 385 people during the first five months of 2015, an average of more than two **fatal** shootings a day.

The **death** rate is over twice the account tallied by the federal government during the past 10 years, which officials admit is incomplete, according to a Washington Post analysis published on Saturday.

"These shootings are grossly under-reported," said Jim Bueermann, a former **police** chief and president of the Washington-based **Police** Foundation, a nonprofit organization which works to improve law enforcement.

"We are never going to reduce the number of **police** shootings if we don't begin to accurately track this information," Bueermann was quoted by The Post as saying.

The analysis is the result of information The Post is compiling on every **fatal** shooting by **police** in 2015 in addition to data of every **officer** killed by gunfire in the line of duty.

The data is related to shootings and does not include killings by other means, such as stun guns and **deaths** in **police** custody.

The study shows that almost half the victims were minority. However, the demographics shifted markedly among the **unarmed victims**, with two-thirds being African American or Hispanic.

On the whole, US **police** killed blacks at three times the rate of whites or other minorities when adjusting by the population of the census tracts, where the shootings took place.

The Los Angeles **Police** Department engages in an altercation that ended in the **death** of a homeless man on March 1, 2015.

A large proportion of the **victims**, over 80 percent, were **armed** with objects, including guns, knives, machetes, revving vehicles and, in one case, a nail gun.

49 people were not armed with any weapons, while the guns used by 13 others were not real. Overall, 16 percent were either carrying a toy or were unarmed, according to The Post.

Several current and former **police** chiefs and other criminal justice officials said it was time **police** accepted responsibility for the bloodshed. They argued that a vast majority of the killings, examined by The Post, resulted from poor policing.

"We have to get beyond what is legal and start focusing on what is preventable. Most are preventable," said Ronald L. Davis, a former **police** chief, who heads the Justice Department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services.

Police "need to stop chasing down suspects, hopping fences and landing on top of someone with a gun," Davis said. "When they do that, they have no choice but to shoot."

The report came as many US cities have been the scene of protests over the **deaths** of several unarmed African Americans by white **police officers** and decisions by grand juries not to indict the **officers**.

Another analysis by The Post and researchers at Bowling Green State University, released last week, showed that only 54 **officers** have been charged for thousands of **fatal** shootings at the hands of **police** across the United States over the past decade.

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On the day the Dane County district attorney announced he would not file charges against the white Madison **police officer** who shot and killed an unarmed, black 19-year-old, Madison's leading civil rights organization posed this hypothetical: "(W)e believe it is a legitimate question to ask whether the outcome of this encounter would have been different had Tony Robinson been a white, middle-class teen engaged in similar behavior," the Urban League of Greater Madison said in a statement.

It is a legitimate question, and based on the details of other recent, **fatal** Madison **police** shootings, the answer is: "no, probably not."

Since what can fairly be described in a city the size of Madison as a spate of **fatal police** shootings that began in November 2012, four of six **victims** have been white and one of the white **victims was also unarmed**. No **officers** were charged in the incidents.

Londrell Johnson, 33, was black and was fatally shot by **police** on May 2, 2014, after he stabbed three people, two of them to **death.** Johnson had a long history of mental illness.

Only three months apart in 2013, Brent Brozek, 43, and Charles Carll, 59, both white, were killed by **police.** Brozek had mental health problems and had come at **officers** with a sword outside his condo, and Carll had advanced on **officers** with a knife in his backyard, according to investigators.

Paul Heenan, 30, was killed on Nov. 9, 2012, in the front yard of an East Side home after being reported as a possible burglary **suspect**. Heenan, who was white, was **unarmed** but intoxicated and allegedly reached for the **officer's** gun during a struggle.

In what I've always thought was the least justified killing of the six, a 26-year-old white woman, Ashley DiPiazza, was shot and killed by **police** a year ago Monday after she refused orders to drop a gun? which she was pointing at her own head.

No one else was in the apartment where the DiPiazza shooting occurred, and nearby apartments were evacuated? so it's unlikely DiPiazza would have been able to put anyone else in danger. Instead of setting up a perimeter outside the building, police entered the apartment.

When about 30 minutes' worth of trying to talk her down failed, she walked out of a bedroom toward the **officers**, who shot her.

Ruben Anthony, president and CEO of the Urban League, said the Robinson killing and the other killings are "not comparable situations."

"In all but the Heenan situation, the **suspect** was **armed**," he said. "According to the DA's findings (on Tuesday), the **officer** was informed Tony was unarmed." That is an important detail, but then so are lots of details.

Heenan, the unarmed white man, for example, wasn't reported to be "acting insane" and on hallucinogenic mushrooms.

He wasn't a suspect in three assaults and possibly engaged in a fourth when **police** arrived. He didn't ambush and strike an **officer** in the head from the top of a 4-foot-wide stairway.

Those are all things Robinson did or was suspected of doing in the minutes before he was killed, according to the state's investigation.

"Study after study after study has shown that African- Americans face more severe outcomes when they come into contact with law enforcement," Anthony noted.

That's true, and if all that were needed to determine a specific **officer's** culpability in a specific **police** shooting were studies, there would be no need for investigations of the details of a specific **officer's** culpability in a specific **police** shooting.

Of course, we all pay attention to different details, sometimes because those are the most important details to pay attention to and sometimes because those are the details we prefer or need? for a variety of reasons? to pay attention to.

With the possible exception of Johnson, none of the six people Madison **police** have shot and killed since November 2012 did anything in the moments before they died that was deserving of their fate.

But they all had life circumstances and made decisions that made it more likely for them to be involved in the kinds of violent encounters with **police** that can end in **death**.

Neither are any of their stories any more tragic than any of the others? or any less of a reason for **police** and the public to constantly be reviewing and improving **police** procedures.

That Robinson's **death** can look like another suspicious killing of an **unarmed** black **suspect** by **police** doesn't mean that it is.

Nor does it make Madison police the same as police in Ferguson, Missouri, or New York City or Baltimore.

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BYLINE: Patrik Jonsson Staff writer

BODY:

Michael Brelo, a white Cleveland **police officer** indicted for jumping on a car hood to fire a deadly volley of gunfire at two unarmed motorists in 2012, has been found not guilty by a county judge in Ohio, reiterating the complex dynamics that make it hard to find **police officers** guilty of crimes committed as they carry out their duty.

The **deaths** of Timothy Russell and Malissa Williams, both black, were included as a point of criticism in a 2014 US Department of Justice report that called for a federal monitor to oversee the Cleveland **Police** Department. The not guilty verdict on Saturday comes amid heightened scrutiny and protest around **police** shooting **deaths**, including the looming outcome of an investigation into the **death** of 12-year-old Tamir Rice by two Cleveland **police officers** in November.

The verdict also came on a day that saw more protests in Olympia, Wash., where a white **police officer** on Thursday shot two black skateboarders after they allegedly shoplifted beer. **Police** say the **officer** was attacked by the two young men before he fired. Both men are expected to survive.

Given the dynamics of the 2012 shooting, the verdict reflects in part the difficulty of prosecuting **police officers** for heat of the moment decisions. Last year, two grand juries - one in Ferguson, Mo., the other in Staten Island - declined to return criminal charges against **police officers** involved in the killing of unarmed black men. Protests and riots have followed such acquittals.

This week, a Baltimore grand jury indicted six **police officers** for their alleged roles in the **death** of a black man named Freddie Gray. Mr. Gray's **death** caused two separate spasms of localized riots in Baltimore before the **officers** were charged.

Mr. Brelo, the Cleveland **officer**, was indicted for voluntary manslaughter for jumping on the hood of a car that had been under **police** fire and shooting repeatedly down into the windshield. Whether any of Brelo's 15 fired bullets were the **fatal** blows was a key question in the trial, given that each victim received over 20 bullet wounds a piece.

Cuyahoga County Judge John P. O'Donnell also determined that Officer Brelo was not guilty of two lesser-included counts of felonious assault.

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In a nod to wide legal latitude given to **police officers** in dangerous situations, Judge O'Donnell found that Brelo, in the heat of the moment, reasonably perceived a threat from the two motorists. He, however, "ran afoul of the Constitution" when he got on top of the car, since that's a tactic that **officers** are not trained to do, Mr. O'Donnell noted. Brelo could still face other charges for his actions.

O'Donnell also said that while forensics showed that Ms. Williams received at least one **fatal** shot from Brelo's gun, he couldn't determine whether the other **fatal** shots also came from Brelo. **Officers** fired a total of 137 shots at the motorists after Russell's 1979 Chevy Malibu backfired in front of **police** headquarters, sparking a dramatic chase. Brelo's actions came after the Malibu had come to a stop. Neither of the **victims was armed.**

The Justice Department report, which was in part sparked by the Brelo case, determined late last year that Cleveland **police** had for years been engaged in a pattern of using excessive force against citizens and violating people's civil rights in other ways.

It's not clear how people will react to the verdict. Protests against **police** brutality have roiled the US since the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., last year. The Monitor reported on Saturday that the "hands up, don't shoot" movement has been used by protesters as far away as Jordan.

Judge O'Donnell decided to read the verdict on Saturday to reduce the risk of protests. The judge said he was well aware of the tensions around allegations of **police** brutality and a sense among many Americans that there's not enough justice for unarmed people killed by **police officers**. O'Donnell specifically cited the Tamir Rice case as he read his verdict.

"Every week, I pass a mountain of stuffed animals left in memory of a 12-year-old that many people believe was murdered by the **police**," he said.

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BYLINE: Tyler Estep; Staff

HIGHLIGHT: Montgomery **sheriff** lost control of his vehicle.

BODY:

Montgomery County **Sheriff** Ladson O'Connor was killed early Tuesday when he crashed while pursuing an **armed suspect**, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation said.

The suspect later surrendered after exchanging gunfire with authorities.

GBI spokeswoman Sherry Lang said the incident began around midnight in Toombs County, a rural community about three hours southeast of Atlanta. **Deputies** there were assisting a motorist when the driver of another vehicle --- believed to be 35-year-old Jim Edward Lowery --- "attempted to leave the area" after spotting them, Lang said.

That piqued the **deputies'** interest and they attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Lowery fled, authorities said, and O'Connor joined in the chase when it continued on Ga. 56 into nearby Montgomery County.

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What may have led O'Connor to lose control was unclear, though Lang said either Lowery or 36-year-old passenger Nicole Dixie Best fired shots at **officers** during the chase. An autopsy was being performed at the GBI's crime lab in Savannah, Lang said.

The chase ended near the town of Uvalda, where state troopers had placed "stop sticks" on the road, Lang said. Lowery crashed his vehicle and managed to escape --- for a few hours, at least.

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June 29, 2015 Monday

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HEADLINE: Local law **officers** involved in shooting

BYLINE: POST REGISTER, Writer

DATELINE: Idaho Falls, ID

BODY:

Law enforcement **officers** from Bonneville County **Sheriff's** Office and Idaho Falls **Police** were involved in an **officer**-involved shooting at 1:20 a.m. today.

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Officers from the IFPD also arrived at the scene. During the course of the traffic stop the suspect was uncooperative with law enforcement. Officers used "a less than lethal device and firearms in the confrontation," the release said.

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The Rexburg Police Departments is the lead agency in this event, the release said.

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HEADLINE: New Jersey: Complete list of 2015 Monmouth County 200 Club awards

DATELINE: Trenton

BODY:

Monmouth County, The State of New Jersey has issued the following news release:

Here is the complete list of award recipients with a synopsis of each incident, provided by the 200 Club of Monmouth County.

PLACQUE

Neptune Township **Police** Department Quality of Life Unit

The 200 Club is recognizing the Neptune Township **Police** Department Quality of Life Unit for their outstanding assistance with the following agencies in fighting crime: Monmouth County Prosecutors Office Narcotic Strike Force, Monmouth County Prosecutors Office Tactical Narcotics Team, Monmouth County Prosecutors Office Major Crimes Division, The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

This unit was responsible for the following statistics:

- o Eight vehicle search warrants
- o Total arrests: 588
- o Total criminal charges: 1015
- o Total warrants: 479
- o Total municipal ordinance violations: 123
- o Seized U.S. CurrencyL \$20,585.00
- o Seized four vehicles
- o Seized four handguns

For their efforts, the 200 Club recognizes the Neptune Township **Police** Department. Accepting this recognition on their behalf is Lt. William Kirchner.

COMMENDATION

City of Long Branch Fire Department Division Commander Captain Tim Somers Firefighter Henry Cioffi Firefighter Nick Saffioti

On the afternoon of Aug. 8, 2014, Engine Co. #9 & Division Commander #2570, responded to the Borough of Monmouth Beach on a mutual aid request for a structural fire on Ice House Road in Monmouth Beach. The fire was on the third floor and partial attic area of a three-story structure. Volunteer firefighter Harris fell through the 3rd floor area that had burnt through and was dangling between two burned out floor beams. Firefighter Harris then yelled out a mayday, which was answered by firefighters Henry "Skip" Cioffi, Nick Saffioti and Division Commander Captain Tim Somers, who quickly extricated the trapped fireman from the floor beams without causing any further injuries to the trapped firefighter.

Keyport Police Department Sergeant Mark Hafner Patrolman Robert McCartin Patrolman Joseph Ruth

On January 30, 2014 the Keyport Police Department received a call from the Veteran's Administration in Connecticut reporting a retired veteran was going to commit suicide with a gun. Officers responded to the residence and could not locate the subject. Through investigative efforts by the dispatcher and officers, the suspect was located by his cellphone at the ShopRite in Hazlet. Officers responded to the area and located the subject. Sgt. Mark Hafner, Officers Joseph Ruth and Robert McCartin were able to negotiate with the subject, bringing a peaceful resolution to the situation, recovering a handgun and more than 100 rounds of ammunition.

Sea Girt **Police** Department Patrolman William C. Joule

Patrolman Joule responded to a local business for a report of a woman passed out. Upon arrival Ptl. Joule immediately assessed the situation and began life saving efforts that included CPR and placement of the defibrillator. Under normal circumstances, first responders are relieved once the first aid arrives and takes over care, however, Ptl. Joule remained with the victim and continued management of the defibrillator and never stopped chest compressions. The medics on the scene advised the chief of **police** that Pt. Joule's outstanding efforts resulted in this woman walking out of the hospital a short time later. The victim made a full recovery.

Spring Lake Heights **Police** Department Patrolman Ray Kwiatkowski Patrolman Casey WillIms

On May 26, 2014, Patrolman Raymond Kwiatkowski and Patrolman Casey Willms exhibited outstanding service by performing life saving actions that resulted in saving the life of a Spring Lake Heights resident. The 18-year-old victim was successfully resuscitated by the two **officers** after he went into a state of respiratory arrest at the Heights Manor apartment complex.

Neptune Township Police Department Lieutenant William Kirchner Sergeant Phil Seidle Sergeant Michael Allen Sergeant Jose Arce Detective Matt Webb Officer Jesse Dallago
Officer Kaan William
Officer JaVaughn Rogers
Police Officer Matt Kocen
Police Officer Mysson Ledet
Police Officer Doug Mattia
Police Officer James MacConchie
SLEO II Edward Homiek

On Oct. 1, 2014, members of the Neptune Township Police Department Patrol Division, Quality of Life Street Crimes Unit and Detective Bureau responded to a reported armed robbery/shots fired call in Neptune Township. The above officers responded and immediately secured the scene. They collectively worked together in determining what occurred by identifying victims, and locating the accused responsible for the armed robbery and shooting. Evidence was obtained by witness statements that allowed officers on the scene to make eight arrests. Officers located evidence including a loaded and jammed sawed off shotgun, stun gun, ammunition, narcotics, drug paraphernalia and evidence of previous burglaries and thefts.

Neptune Township **Police** Department **Police Officer** Kris Daly

On Jan. 14, 2015, Officer Daly responded to a first aid call. Daly and Neptune First Aid members assessed the patient, his current health situation and because paramedics were unavailable at the time, they determined the patient would have to be transported to Jersey Shore Medical Center immediately. During transport the patient had a seizure and became unresponsive, and CPR was initiated. Daly and first aid members continued CPR compressions in the ambulance for the duration of the trip to the hospital. At JSUMC, he was taken to the trauma unit where the patient regained his pulse and was listed in stable but critical condition. Officer Daly's assistance and relentless efforts with CPR compressions were critical in the ability to regain his pulse at JSUMC.

Neptune Township **Police** Department Detective Jason Petillo

On Feb. 21, 2014, patrols responded to a reported burglary in Shark River Hills. The victims indicated their house was forcibly entered, and jewelry and cash was stolen. Det. Petillo was assigned to investigate the incident. During his investigation, Det. Petillo located two pieces of jewelry believed to be the victim's at a local gold-buying establishment. The person identified as selling the jewelry was a known drug addict. In addition to collecting the suspected stolen jewelry, Det. Petillo interviewed the jeweler who recalled an unknown male who remained outside. Petillo responded to another pawn shop which revealed video of an attempt to sell items by the suspects. No sale was made, but video evidence was gathered. Neptune City **Police** located one of the suspects and detained him. An interview was conducted which implicated others. Through countless searches of pawn shops and jewelry establishments in Monmouth and Ocean counties, Det. Petillo used interviews and information gathered to identify an additional subject who had some of the stolen jewelry within her possession. Approximately six suspects were eventually arrested and charged as a result of Det. Petillo's relentless efforts, with the assistance of several **police** departments: Asbury Park, Belmar, Brick, Lake Como, Neptune City and Toms River **Police** Department.

Asbury Park Police Department Police Officer Sean DeShader Police Officer Joseph Spallina

On April 18, 2014, Street Crime **officers** Sean De Shader and Joseph Spallina were on patrol in an unmarked vehicle on the 1300 block of Monroe Avene. While traveling West on Monroe Avenue, a green vehicle with two occupants, with multiple motor vehicle violations, and heading in the opposite direction was observed. DeShader also recognized the

front seat passenger as a documented Crips gang member, involved in numerous narcotics and weapons offenses. After initiating a motor-vehicle stop on the vehicle, **Officer** De Shader located a handgun hidden on the front seat passenger's person, which was found to be loaded with 10 rounds, including one hollow point round. After a search incident to arrest, the **officers** also recovered five Xanax tablets, a butterfly knife, one bag of crack/cocaine, four marijuana cigarettes, one bundle of heroin and \$925 cash. After transporting the subjects to **police** headquarters, **Officer** Cincilla further located 1 brick of heroin stashed within the rear of the patrol car by one of the subjects.

Asbury Park Police Department Police Officer Thomas Gogan Police Officer Joseph Leon Police Officer JayVon Britt Police Officer Francis Sangi

On Nov. 30, 2014, **Officers** Gogan, Leon and Britt were assigned patrol duties in Asbury Park. At 4:44 a.m., Gogan pulled over a vehicle at Emory Street and Summerfield Avenue for an illegally altered license plate. The **officer** approached the vehicle and immediately noticed an odor of raw marijuana emanating from the vehicle. **Officers** Leon and Sangi then arrived on scene to assist. The driver of the vehicle was found to have a warrant and was placed under arrest. The subject then agreed to sign a Consent to Search and Miranda Form. **Officer** Gogan was able to locate CDS Marijuana, Paraphernalia, more than \$1,000, large amounts of assorted jewelry, and a 9mm semi-automatic handgun in the glove compartment. It was later discovered that these items were proceeds from a home invasion in Shrewsbury prior to **Officer** Gogan's traffic stop.

Asbury Park Police Department Police Officer Lorenzo Pettway Police Officer Joseph Spallina Police Officer Barry Hollo

On May 3, 2014, Street Crimes officers Lorenzo Pettway, Joseph Spallina and Barry Hollo were on patrol in an unmarked vehicle in the area of Asbury Park Gardens, in response to recent shootings in the area, as well as complaints from residents in reference to gang activity. While driving past Building B, Officer Pettway observed an individual wearing a puffy jacket with a hooded sweatshirt pulled tightly around his head. Officer Pettway found this to be unusual due to the warm weather. After stopping their vehicle to conduct a field interview, the individual proceeded to flee on foot from the officers while clutching his front waist area. After a brief pursuit, the subject was apprehended and questioned about his decision to run from the officers. Officer Pettway then retraced the path of the pursuit and discovered the subject had discarded a loaded and defaced revolver in shrubbery along the pursuit route. The subject was then transported and booked and found to have two active warrants.

COMMENDATION/MERIT

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Aberdeen Township Police Department Sergeant Michael Lasko Police Officer Bart Szulczynski

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Spring Lake **Police** Department Patrolman William Kelly Patrolman Emmett Smith

On April 4, 2015, at approximately 08:30 a.m., radio dispatch received information that there was an overturned boat and one-to-two occupants were in distress. Patrolman Kelly, Smith, Chief Kerr, SO Cuttrell and Sgt. Moran responded to the shoreline to obtain a better vantage point. Officers observed an overturned aluminum boat approximately 75 yards off the shoreline. A subject was in distress and was attempting to hold on to the boat to remain afloat. Patrolman Kelly and Smith removed their gun belt, ballistic vest and entered the water. As Patrolman Kelly swam towards the victim, he observed that the victim had drifted away from his boat. Kelly eventually approached the victim's location in the lake, and observed that the victim was holding onto a safety vest and that it was not safely secured to his body. As Kelly neared the victim, at approximately 5 feet away, Kelly instructed the victim to remain calm and that officers were going to get him safely back to shore. The victim confirmed he was the only person in the boat. Patrolman Kelly and Smith safely brought the victim onshore to a waiting ambulance provided by the Spring Lake First Aid Squad (SLFA).

New Jersey State Police
Detective II Giuseppe S. Diodati
Trooper Jared M. Boyd

During the first half of 2014, Detective Diodati and Trooper Boyd investigated a series of burglaries that occurred in the New Jersey State **Police** Hamilton Sub-Station patrol area. These burglaries, 19 in total, resulted in a loss to victims of approximately \$190,000 worth of property. As a result of their investigation, Detective Diodati and Trooper Boyd

identified two suspects who were suspected of committing not only the aforementioned burglaries, but additional burglaries in Monmouth, Ocean and Burlington counties. Their efforts resulted in the return of approximately \$25,000 worth of property to its rightful owners. These efforts also solidified the case against the suspects by providing definite proof of the fact they were pawning stolen goods in multiple locations. It should be noted the suspects were still actively involved in committing burglaries at the time of their arrests. The efforts of Detective Diodati and Trooper Boyd, in addition to solving 30 total burglaries in multiple jurisdictions, prevented an untold number of crimes from occurring.

United States Marshal Service **Police Officer** Brian Migliorisi

In 2014 while serving as a Task Force Officer with the United States Marshals Service NY/NJ RFTF - Trenton Division, Monmouth Team, Asbury Park Police Officer Brian Migliorisi has played an extremely important role in the success of the unit. Officer Migliorisi was recalled to patrol duties full time while still working with the task force on a part time basis. This situation did not deter Officer Migliorisi from continuing to lead numerous investigations which led to the arrest of several violent offenders wanted throughout Monmouth County. The following are an example of some investigations led by Officer Migliorisi: A suspect was wanted by the Asbury Park Police Department on charges of Possession of a Handgun, Hollow-Point Ammunition, Stolen Firearm, Resisting by Flight, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Through a diligent investigation led by Officer Migliorisi, members of the task force arrested the suspect inside an apartment in Asbury Park on 08/05/2014. Another suspect wanted by the Asbury Park Police Department for several Home Invasions and two (2) counts of Attempted Murder. During this investigation, Officer Migliorisi pursued numerous leads in the US as well as the country of Jamaica. Further investigation conducted by Officer Migliorisi resulted in identifying travel plans for the suspect which ultimately led to his arrest upon arrival in NYC on 12/14/2014. For his efforts Officer Migliorisi is being given a merit award.

United States Marshal Service Randy Morgan

In 2014 during his assignment with the U.S. Marshals Service NY/NJ RFTF - Trenton Division, Monmouth Team, Monmouth County Sheriff's Officer Randy Morgan has led and participated in the investigation and arrest of more than 290 violent fugitives throughout Monmouth County. These fugitives were wanted for various violent offenses, including murder, weapons offenses, bank robbery, sexual assault and robbery. During the course of 2014, Officer Morgan assisted with seizing 12 firearms and a variety of illegal controlled dangerous substances. Officer Morgan has led several high-profile investigations, which led to arrests including a wanted suspect by the Moores County Sheriff's Office (North Carolina) on charges of Murder. Officer Morgan led a complex investigation to locate the suspect which resulted in the suspect's arrest at a location in Long Branch on Jan. 7, 2014. Another suspect wanted by the Eatontown Police Department on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a minor. Again, Officer Morgan led a complex investigation, resulting in the arrest of a suspect after a brief foot pursuit in Howell.

COMMENDATION/VALOR

Middletown Township Fire Department COMMENDATION Firefighter James Phillips Firefighter Michael Chenoweth Firefighter Mathew Deickman VALOR Firefighter Jack Hueston Firefighter Christian Burbank Firefighter John Waltz

On Nov. 14, 2014 members of the Middletown Township Fire Department were dispatched to Ocean Boulevard in the

Leonardo section of Middletown on a reported structure fire with a possible entrapment. Upon arrival heavy fire was visible coming from a two-story wood frame structure involving both the first and second floors, totally blocking the front entrance door. Firefighters Jack Hueston, while conducting a 360 assessment of the scene, was advised that there was someone trapped inside the burning structure and was yelling for help. At this time Firefighters Hueston, Christian Burbank and John Waltz began to conduct a Vent-Enter-Search (VES) operation of two windows on the first floor. This was the area that had been pointed out earlier, as the last place that calls for help were coming from. After venting and clearing the two windows heavy black turbulent smoke vented from each window filling the both openings completely. Firefighters Burbank and Waltz searched the interior below each window sill from the exterior with negative results. Several seconds later the smoke condition raised slightly allowing firefighters Hueston, Burbank and Waltz to enter to conduct a search. The unconscious victim was located lying on the floor approximately 10 to 12 feet from the entry window. Firefighters Michael Chenoweth, Matthew Deickmann and James Phillips partially entered the burning structure from the window, and after several failed attempts to lift the victim out, a rescue strap was placed around the victims upper torso to provide added leverage to get the victim up and out to a safe location. After removal of the victim by rescuers, they began to administer basic life support techniques.

COMMENDATION/VALOR

Asbury Park Police Department
Police Officer Johny Washington
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Police Officer Anthony Butler

On Sept. 29th, 2014, Patrol Officers Johny Washington, Carl Christie and Anthony Butler were assigned patrol duties in Asbury Park. At 9:20 a.m., Officers Washington and Christie responded to a disorderly persons call on Main Street. When the Officers arrived, a subject brandished a steak knife and stabbed Officer Christie in multiple areas, such as the wrist, finger and vest. The subject reached for Officer Washington's gun, which the officer then shot the attacker once. The subject was then handcuffed and Officer Butler was the next to arrive. Officer Butler helped secure the crime scene and tend to both officers. Both Officers Washington and Christie were taken to the local hospital and later released.

VALOR

Neptune Township Police Department Police Officer Sarai Lavandero

On April 7, 2014, Officer Lavandero responded to a report of a fight and shots fired in Neptune Township. Approaching the immediate area, Officer Lavandero observed a suspect acting suspiciously and identified actions leading her to believe the suspect was armed and involved in the shooting. Officer Lavandero stopped to conduct an interdiction and the suspect immediately fled on foot. Officer Lavandero exited her vehicle and gave chase, calling out the suspect's direction of travel. She continued to chase the suspect and observed him throw a backpack to the ground. Officer Lavandero chased the suspect and was able to grab him scaling a fence between yards. The suspect resisted arrest and was taken to the ground, handcuffed behind his back and secured. The backpack was recovered and protruding from it was a loaded .380 caliber handgun.

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The 200 Club is recognizing the Neptune Township Police Department Quality of Life Unit for their outstanding assistance with the following agencies in fighting crime: Monmouth County Prosecutors Office Narcotic Strike Force, Monmouth County Prosecutors Office Tactical Narcotics Team, Monmouth County Prosecutors Office Major Crimes Division, The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

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- o Eight vehicle search warrants
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COMMENDATION

City of Long Branch Fire Department Division Commander Captain Tim Somers Firefighter Henry Cioffi Firefighter Nick Saffioti

On the afternoon of Aug. 8, 2014, Engine Co. #9 & Division Commander #2570, responded to the Borough of Monmouth Beach on a mutual aid request for a structural fire on Ice House Road in Monmouth Beach. The fire was on the third floor and partial attic area of a three-story structure. Volunteer firefighter Harris fell through the 3rd floor area that had burnt through and was dangling between two burned out floor beams. Firefighter Harris then yelled out a mayday, which was answered by firefighters Henry "Skip" Cioffi, Nick Saffioti and Division Commander Captain Tim Somers, who quickly extricated the trapped fireman from the floor beams without causing any further injuries to the trapped firefighter.

Keyport Police Department Sergeant Mark Hafner Patrolman Robert McCartin Patrolman Joseph Ruth

On January 30, 2014 the Keyport Police Department received a call from the Veteran's Administration in Connecticut reporting a retired veteran was going to commit suicide with a gun. Officers responded to the residence and could not locate the subject. Through investigative efforts by the dispatcher and officers, the suspect was located by his cellphone at the ShopRite in Hazlet. Officers responded to the area and located the subject. Sgt. Mark Hafner, Officers Joseph Ruth and Robert McCartin were able to negotiate with the subject, bringing a peaceful resolution to the situation, recovering a handgun and more than 100 rounds of ammunition.

Sea Girt **Police** Department Patrolman William C. Joule

Patrolman Joule responded to a local business for a report of a woman passed out. Upon arrival Ptl. Joule immediately assessed the situation and began life saving efforts that included CPR and placement of the defibrillator. Under normal circumstances, first responders are relieved once the first aid arrives and takes over care, however, Ptl. Joule remained with the victim and continued management of the defibrillator and never stopped chest compressions. The medics on the scene advised the chief of **police** that Pt. Joule's outstanding efforts resulted in this woman walking out of the hospital a short time later. The victim made a full recovery.

Spring Lake Heights **Police** Department Patrolman Ray Kwiatkowski Patrolman Casey Willlms

On May 26, 2014, Patrolman Raymond Kwiatkowski and Patrolman Casey Willms exhibited outstanding service by performing life saving actions that resulted in saving the life of a Spring Lake Heights resident. The 18-year-old victim was successfully resuscitated by the two **officers** after he went into a state of respiratory arrest at the Heights Manor apartment complex.

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Neptune Township **Police** Department Detective Jason Petillo

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front seat passenger as a documented Crips gang member, involved in numerous narcotics and weapons offenses. After initiating a motor-vehicle stop on the vehicle, **Officer** De Shader located a handgun hidden on the front seat passenger's person, which was found to be loaded with 10 rounds, including one hollow point round. After a search incident to arrest, the **officers** also recovered five Xanax tablets, a butterfly knife, one bag of crack/cocaine, four marijuana cigarettes, one bundle of heroin and \$925 cash. After transporting the subjects to **police** headquarters, **Officer** Cincilla further located 1 brick of heroin stashed within the rear of the patrol car by one of the subjects.

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On Nov. 11, 2014, street crime officers Deshader, Pettway and Spallina were on foot patrol in Asbury Park village. The officers in the street crime units received information that several shots were fired earlier that day. At 9:17 p.m., while in the area, Officers Deshader and Love attempted to stop a subject who was a confirmed Blood gang member. The subject was on foot and seen pointing a handgun at a car. The subject took flight on foot and in doing so, discarded a loaded .380 auto handgun. Officer Love was able to retrieve the handgun and Officer Pettway was able to apprehend the subject on foot.

Aberdeen Township Police Department Sergeant Michael Lasko Police Officer Bart Szulczynski

On Feb. 3, 2015, Officer Bart Szulczynski was dispatched to a domestic violence incident at a residence on County Road. Upon arrival he found that a 38-year-old male subject had taken his 2-year-old son and a knife and locked himself in the bedroom, refusing to come out. The subject, an Iraq war veteran diagnosed with PTSD, had told his wife he would harm anyone who tried to take the child away from him. Although very agitated and screaming that he feared the child would be taken from him, he told the officers he would only use the knife on himself. Officer Szulczynski and Sgt. Michael Lasko were able to calm the individual to the point that he opened the door and Officer Szulczynski was able to take the child to his mother. Sgt. Lasko secured the knife and both officers were able to peacefully restrain the individual and transport him to Bayshore Community Hospital for a crisis evaluation.

Spring Lake **Police** Department Patrolman William Kelly Patrolman Emmett Smith

On April 4, 2015, at approximately 08:30 a.m., radio dispatch received information that there was an overturned boat and one-to-two occupants were in distress. Patrolman Kelly, Smith, Chief Kerr, SO Cuttrell and Sgt. Moran responded to the shoreline to obtain a better vantage point. Officers observed an overturned aluminum boat approximately 75 yards off the shoreline. A subject was in distress and was attempting to hold on to the boat to remain afloat. Patrolman Kelly and Smith removed their gun belt, ballistic vest and entered the water. As Patrolman Kelly swam towards the victim, he observed that the victim had drifted away from his boat. Kelly eventually approached the victim's location in the lake, and observed that the victim was holding onto a safety vest and that it was not safely secured to his body. As Kelly neared the victim, at approximately 5 feet away, Kelly instructed the victim to remain calm and that officers were going to get him safely back to shore. The victim confirmed he was the only person in the boat. Patrolman Kelly and Smith safely brought the victim onshore to a waiting ambulance provided by the Spring Lake First Aid Squad (SLFA).

New Jersey State Police
Detective II Giuseppe S. Diodati
Trooper Jared M. Boyd

During the first half of 2014, Detective Diodati and Trooper Boyd investigated a series of burglaries that occurred in the New Jersey State **Police** Hamilton Sub-Station patrol area. These burglaries, 19 in total, resulted in a loss to victims of approximately \$190,000 worth of property. As a result of their investigation, Detective Diodati and Trooper Boyd

identified two suspects who were suspected of committing not only the aforementioned burglaries, but additional burglaries in Monmouth, Ocean and Burlington counties. Their efforts resulted in the return of approximately \$25,000 worth of property to its rightful owners. These efforts also solidified the case against the suspects by providing definite proof of the fact they were pawning stolen goods in multiple locations. It should be noted the suspects were still actively involved in committing burglaries at the time of their arrests. The efforts of Detective Diodati and Trooper Boyd, in addition to solving 30 total burglaries in multiple jurisdictions, prevented an untold number of crimes from occurring.

United States Marshal Service Police Officer Brian Migliorisi

In 2014 while serving as a Task Force Officer with the United States Marshals Service NY/NJ RFTF - Trenton Division, Monmouth Team, Asbury Park Police Officer Brian Migliorisi has played an extremely important role in the success of the unit. Officer Migliorisi was recalled to patrol duties full time while still working with the task force on a part time basis. This situation did not deter Officer Migliorisi from continuing to lead numerous investigations which led to the arrest of several violent offenders wanted throughout Monmouth County. The following are an example of some investigations led by Officer Migliorisi: A suspect was wanted by the Asbury Park Police Department on charges of Possession of a Handgun, Hollow-Point Ammunition, Stolen Firearm, Resisting by Flight, and Endangering the Welfare of a Child. Through a diligent investigation led by Officer Migliorisi, members of the task force arrested the suspect inside an apartment in Asbury Park on 08/05/2014. Another suspect wanted by the Asbury Park Police Department for several Home Invasions and two (2) counts of Attempted Murder. During this investigation, Officer Migliorisi pursued numerous leads in the US as well as the country of Jamaica. Further investigation conducted by Officer Migliorisi resulted in identifying travel plans for the suspect which ultimately led to his arrest upon arrival in NYC on 12/14/2014. For his efforts Officer Migliorisi is being given a merit award.

United States Marshal Service Randy Morgan

In 2014 during his assignment with the U.S. Marshals Service NY/NJ RFTF - Trenton Division, Monmouth Team, Monmouth County Sheriff's Officer Randy Morgan has led and participated in the investigation and arrest of more than 290 violent fugitives throughout Monmouth County. These fugitives were wanted for various violent offenses, including murder, weapons offenses, bank robbery, sexual assault and robbery. During the course of 2014, Officer Morgan assisted with seizing 12 firearms and a variety of illegal controlled dangerous substances. Officer Morgan has led several high-profile investigations, which led to arrests including a wanted suspect by the Moores County Sheriff's Office (North Carolina) on charges of Murder. Officer Morgan led a complex investigation to locate the suspect which resulted in the suspect's arrest at a location in Long Branch on Jan. 7, 2014. Another suspect wanted by the Eatontown Police Department on charges of aggravated sexual assault of a minor. Again, Officer Morgan led a complex investigation, resulting in the arrest of a suspect after a brief foot pursuit in Howell.

COMMENDATION/VALOR

Middletown Township Fire Department COMMENDATION Firefighter James Phillips Firefighter Michael Chenoweth Firefighter Mathew Deickman VALOR Firefighter Jack Hueston Firefighter Christian Burbank Firefighter John Waltz

On Nov. 14, 2014 members of the Middletown Township Fire Department were dispatched to Ocean Boulevard in the

Leonardo section of Middletown on a reported structure fire with a possible entrapment. Upon arrival heavy fire was visible coming from a two-story wood frame structure involving both the first and second floors, totally blocking the front entrance door. Firefighters Jack Hueston, while conducting a 360 assessment of the scene, was advised that there was someone trapped inside the burning structure and was yelling for help. At this time Firefighters Hueston, Christian Burbank and John Waltz began to conduct a Vent-Enter-Search (VES) operation of two windows on the first floor. This was the area that had been pointed out earlier, as the last place that calls for help were coming from. After venting and clearing the two windows heavy black turbulent smoke vented from each window filling the both openings completely. Firefighters Burbank and Waltz searched the interior below each window sill from the exterior with negative results. Several seconds later the smoke condition raised slightly allowing firefighters Hueston, Burbank and Waltz to enter to conduct a search. The unconscious victim was located lying on the floor approximately 10 to 12 feet from the entry window. Firefighters Michael Chenoweth, Matthew Deickmann and James Phillips partially entered the burning structure from the window, and after several failed attempts to lift the victim out, a rescue strap was placed around the victims upper torso to provide added leverage to get the victim up and out to a safe location. After removal of the victim by rescuers, they began to administer basic life support techniques.

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Asbury Park Police Department
Police Officer Johny Washington
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Police Officer Anthony Butler

On Sept. 29th, 2014, Patrol Officers Johny Washington, Carl Christie and Anthony Butler were assigned patrol duties in Asbury Park. At 9:20 a.m., Officers Washington and Christie responded to a disorderly persons call on Main Street. When the Officers arrived, a subject brandished a steak knife and stabbed Officer Christie in multiple areas, such as the wrist, finger and vest. The subject reached for Officer Washington's gun, which the officer then shot the attacker once. The subject was then handcuffed and Officer Butler was the next to arrive. Officer Butler helped secure the crime scene and tend to both officers. Both Officers Washington and Christie were taken to the local hospital and later released.

VALOR

Neptune Township Police Department Police Officer Sarai Lavandero

On April 7, 2014, Officer Lavandero responded to a report of a fight and shots fired in Neptune Township. Approaching the immediate area, Officer Lavandero observed a suspect acting suspiciously and identified actions leading her to believe the suspect was armed and involved in the shooting. Officer Lavandero stopped to conduct an interdiction and the suspect immediately fled on foot. Officer Lavandero exited her vehicle and gave chase, calling out the suspect's direction of travel. She continued to chase the suspect and observed him throw a backpack to the ground. Officer Lavandero chased the suspect and was able to grab him scaling a fence between yards. The suspect resisted arrest and was taken to the ground, handcuffed behind his back and secured. The backpack was recovered and protruding from it was a loaded .380 caliber handgun.

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BYLINE: Imani Tate

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The mortally wounded Louis Anthony Louie Pompei led deputies to his assailants, 20 years ago tonight.

That deadly night, June 9, 1995, Pompei fired his gun and hit his attackers enough times that they needed emergency assistance.

Those bullets and eyewitnesses description of the fleeing **armed suspects** vehicle led to the teenage killers quick apprehension at Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina.

Law-enforcement agents from several jurisdictions, according to Glendora **Police** Chief Tim Staab, went into instant action after the wounded Pompei dialed 9-1-1 from a pay phone outside of Vons Market before collapsing.

Pompei, 30, and a 7-year veteran of the Glendora **Police** Department, had just gotten off duty with L.A. Impact a regional anti-drug trafficking task force comprised of Los Angeles County **sheriff** s **deputies** and municipal **police officers**. He went to Vons Market near his San Dimas home to cash his paycheck. He was in the checkout line when two young men, later identified as Larry Hernandez, 16, and Robert Ramirez, 17, entered the store, announced a holdup and began pistol-whipping a box boy, according to **police** reports.

Louie did what he was trained to do as a policeman, Staab said. Whether he is on- or off-duty, he was sworn to protect, serve and defend. He drew his gun and identified himself as a policeman to stop the attack on the special-needs employee. Gun fire ensued, but Louie drew fire away from customers and employees in the store and toward himself.

According to a Glendora **police** memo, Pompei was hit five times, once in the upper right chest, three in the abdomen and one in the thigh.

Although the bullet that hit him in the chest was a through-and-through, it took out a ventricle to Louie s heart, lamented the still-grieving Staab. That just killed him. He died during surgery at San Dimas Community Hospital. Louie remains the only Glendora **police officer** killed in the line of duty since the department was founded in 1926.

He remained loyal to the Law Enforcement Code of Ethics which notes, in part, that an **officer** s fundamental duty is to serve mankind, safeguard lives and property and protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation and the peaceful against violence or disorder. Louie upheld that code to the end, Staab said.

Pompei wounded the two assailants in the store before they escaped to a waiting silver Toyota Tercel. Witnesses provided a description of the car for a crime broadcast and a Pasadena Police Department helicopter used in an earlier L.A. Impact aerial surveillance went airborne again, joining county and municipal law-enforcement agents on the ground searching for the suspects.

Two Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Special Enforcement Bureau deputies had just dropped two prisoners at the Industry Sheriff's Station. Knowing the area and following instinct, they went to Queen of the Valley Hospital in West Covina to check for the suspects and vehicle.

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Freddie Gray is the latest in a long line of black men, many unarmed and young, allegedly killed by police officers

BODY:

Eric Garner in New York's Staten Island, Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo., Walter Scott in Summerville, S.C. And now Freddie Gray, right here in our beloved Charm City, becomes the latest citizen to join a macabre roster: the growing list of unarmed black men killed by **police, their deaths** thrust into the national spotlight, generating scrutiny and outrage. The seeming explosion of such cases around the country prompted me to engage my social research methods students at University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) in a project: examining trends in deadly-force incidents that have occurred here in the Baltimore/D.C. area over the last 25 years (1990 to 2015) by searching The Baltimore Sun and The Washington Post news archives for all cases in which a citizen was killed by an on-duty **officer.**

We assumed that any such case that resulted in a **death** would generate at least a brief news story, and so we set about carefully collecting and coding key pieces of information from these articles, including details such as the work shift during which the interaction happened, whether the **suspect** was **armed** or noted to be mentally ill, and the experience level of the **officer** who did the shooting. Students wondered if there really are more cases now than in the past due, perhaps, to more militarized styles of policing, or if the seeming increase in cases is simply a figment of the media attention. What can we learn about the patterns and themes that characterize these cases?

No official data

You might be surprised, as were my students, to learn that we currently have no way of really knowing how common police use of lethal force against citizens actually is, as no systematic data is collected to track such incidents, despite pleas for accountability from public intellectuals right here in Baltimore like David Simon, creator of HBO's "The Wire." Unlike as with most other crime data, there is no mandatory reporting of these incidents to the FBI's Uniform Crime database. Considering how much data is compiled on each of us every day by government entities and corporations alike, it seems odd that no data at all is assembled to document these cases. Without data, it is far too easy to dismiss the magnitude or pattern of a behavior. By contrast, extensive data is collected and indexed by the FBI for each case in which a police officer is killed or assaulted in the line of duty.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which record and classify the manner of **death** for all Americans, keep the only systematic national documentation of any kind that reports upon citizens killed by **police.** These are categorized as "**deaths** by legal intervention," and the name itself says much about how we regard such cases. Blacks (mostly males) made up 29 percent of the 159 incidents recorded in 2008 (the last year for which a report compiling this data was published), but they make up just over 13 percent of the overall American population. In 2013,

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a total of 27 **officers** were feloniously killed while on duty. Given that **deaths** by legal intervention are four times more common than are cases of **police officers** killed in the line of duty, shouldn't we also be collecting and tracking data for these incidents?

When my students and I examined cases of citizens being killed by **police** here in the Baltimore/DC area over the last 25 years, several interesting observations emerge:

Killings peaked in 1993

(1) It is a misnomer that there are more cases of **police** use of deadly force now than at any point in the past.

In our data, the year with the most **deaths** (27) was 1993. There were 21 **deaths** in 1994, but then rates declined for several years until a spike of cases occurred 2002, when there were 20 incidents. The average number of cases per year was 10.7. It seems worth noting that community policing became very popular across this country in the mid 1990s but was then eclipsed by a more militaristic approach after 9/11.

(2) The vast majority of cases in which **police** kill a citizen do impact black men.

Of the 262 cases we identified in which the victim's sex was reported, only 6 percent (16 cases) were women. Curiously, the race of the victim was much less frequently reported in news articles, but in the 50 cases for which the victim's race was reported, 76 percent of the dead citizens were black; 16 percent were Latino or Hispanic; 4 percent were white; and 4 percent were Asian.

In 1990, according to U.S. Census data, 39.1 percent of residents in the city of Baltimore were white. By 2000, that number had dropped to 31.6 percent -- where it remains as of 2013. In the District of Columbia, 29.6 percent of residents were white in 1990. That figure had climbed to 43.4 percent in 2013.

So black men really are dying at a higher rate than they are represented in the broader population, very likely due to the war on drugs, which generated more scrutiny and aggressive policing of black neighborhoods. Our public policies directed **police** to work in this way; we must now challenge and support them to take a different approach.

(3) Contrary to popular opinion, most victims of **police** shootings are not very young men.

It turns out that the average age of victims was 31.7 years, which was pretty close to the median age of 29.5. Victims in our study ranged from 2 to 78 years of age, but a relative few (6.4 percent) were under 18, and many were in their 30s and 40s.

Victims are usually armed

(4) In the great number of cases, the citizen was noted as having been armed.

In nearly half (48.5 percent) of the cases we examined, a gun was allegedly found on the victim. In 17.5 percent of cases, there was a knife reportedly found, and in about a quarter of cases (23.2 percent), no weapon was reported. In a small number of cases (9.3 percent), the weapon was otherwise classified (dogs, cars, umbrellas, etc.), or there were multiple weapons present (1.5 percent of cases). In 64.9 percent of cases, the citizen was noted as having been brandishing a weapon, but that leaves at least one-third of cases in which no weapon was displayed to **police.** And after the Walter Scott video, we have to assume that some of the weapons that were allegedly present/being brandished could have been planted or posed.

(5) The vast majority of these incidents occurred early in an **officer's** career, during their second and fifth years of service.

This was one of the most interesting things we found. Of the 116 cases in which the tenure of the officer was known,

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the average number of years in service of the **officer** who killed the citizen was 8.4 years, but the median was just six years and the mode (most common year of service noted) was just two years (15 of the 116 cases, or 12.9 percent). A full 52.6 percent of these cases occur within the first six years of an **officer's** service. Crossing the tenure of the **officer's** service against whether a weapon was brandished indicates negative relationship between years of service and the use of deadly force -- meaning that older **officers** were more likely to reserve force for cases in which the citizen/suspect pulled a weapon.

It is also quite possible that **officers** in the earlier years of service are more likely to be out patrolling streets and encountering incidents that escalate to the use of force. Perhaps **officers** could be better trained early on to respond in different ways -- or to engage principles of community policing so as to reduce the general level of potential violence.

'Dysfuntional pattern'

The civil unrest generated by public reaction to the national spotlight being shown upon this issue should make us all wonder whether we, as a society, are capable of interracial policing. In the end, of course, we must be able to do this work in an open, just and civil manner. To reach that goal, however, we must honestly and candidly examine how we have been policing by using the sometimes-harsh mirror that objective social data provides. Most **police** interactions are respectful and professional, but a significant dysfunctional pattern exists in how white **police officers** interact with black suspects.

We have seen the worst of this behavior displayed so candidly in the Walter Scott video: an **officer** appearing to shoot a suspect in cold blood and then plant a weapon on the victim. These are things that black men have long told us happen more often than we want to believe. And while the video highlights a specific incident, it finally prompted an **officer** to be charged with murder in the **death** of a citizen. In Baltimore on Friday, six city **officers** were charged criminally in Freddie Gray's **death**. Though the charges each received varied, all were charged with some form of assault and misconduct in office; one was charged with second-degree, depraved heart murder -- the most serious of the charges brought -- and others were charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Too often, without a video, **police officers** are exonerated via internal investigations based on rules that prioritize **officers**' accounts. Let's start collecting the data we need to track and systematically examine such incidents and use it to challenge and improve upon our policing until it fully reflects the integrity of our American ideal of equality under the law.

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Photo: Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby filed criminal charges Friday against six city **police officers** involved in the arrest and **death** of Freddie Gray, shown here being loaded into a **police** van, where he suffered a **fatal** injury.

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Ed Pickersgill coordinates 40 Baker Street, which houses several programs and organizations that serve "the unemployed, needy and dispossessed out of poverty," according to its website. Duncan was a long-time client of Fresh Start Housing Centre, which is located at 40 Baker. Fresh Start helps the homeless find shelter and sustainable housing.

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WASHINGTON -- During a training course on defending against knife attacks, a young Salt Lake City **police officer** asked a question: "How close can somebody get to me before I'm justified in using deadly force?"

Dennis Tueller, the instructor in that class more than three decades ago, decided to find out. In the fall of 1982, he performed a rudimentary series of tests and concluded that an armed attacker who bolted toward an **officer** could clear 21 feet in the time it took most **officers** to draw, aim and fire their weapon.

The next spring, Mr. Tueller published his findings in SWAT magazine and transformed **police** training in the United States. The "21-foot rule" became dogma. It has been taught in **police** academies around the country, accepted by courts and cited by **officers** to justify countless shootings, including recent episodes involving a homeless woodcarver in Seattle and a schizophrenic woman in San Francisco.

Now, amid the largest national debate over policing since the 1991 beating of Rodney King in Los Angeles, a small but vocal set of law enforcement officials are calling for a rethinking of the 21-foot rule and other axioms that have emphasized how to use force, not how to avoid it. Several big-city **police** departments are already re-examining when **officers** should chase people or draw their guns and when they should back away, wait or try to defuse the situation.

"In a democratic society, people have a say in how they are policed, and people are saying that they are not satisfied with how things are going," said Sean Whent, the **police** chief in Oakland, Calif. The city has a troubled history of **police** abuse and misconduct, but some policy changes and a new approach to training have led to sharp declines in the use of force, Chief Whent added.

Like the 21-foot rule, many current **police** practices were adopted when **officers** faced violent street gangs. Crime rates soared, as did the number of **officers** killed. Today, crime is at historic lows and most cities are safer than they have been in generations, for residents and **officers** alike. This should be a moment of high confidence in the **police**, said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the **Police** Executive Research Forum, a law enforcement policy group. Instead, he said, policing is in crisis.

"People aren't buying our brand. If it was a product, we'd take it out of the marketplace and re-engineer it," Mr. Wexler said. "We've lost the confidence of the American people."

Mr. Wexler's group will meet with hundreds of police leaders in Washington this week to call for a new era of

training, one that replaces truisms such as the 21-foot rule with lessons on defusing tense situations and avoiding violent confrontations. While the Justice Department and chiefs of some major **police** departments are supportive, the effort has not been widely embraced, at least so far. Some **police** unions and others have expressed skepticism, saying **officers** are being unfairly criticized.

"All this chatter just increases the idea that these encounters are avoidable and law enforcement is at fault," said Jeff Roorda of the St. Louis **Police Officers**' Association, who said **officers** already thought about ways to avoid confrontations.

The typical **police** cadet receives about 58 hours of training on how to use a gun and 49 hours on defensive tactics, according to a recent survey by Mr. Wexler's group. By comparison, cadets spend just eight hours learning to calm situations before force is needed, a technique called de-escalation.

"Everything now is: You get there, you see a guy with a knife, you resolve it," said Mr. Wexler, a former senior Boston **police** official. In many situations, he said, **officers** who find themselves 21 feet from a suspect can simply take a step backward to buy themselves time and safety.

Mr. Tueller's article never proposed a bright line between a shooting that was justified and one that was not. In a telephone interview, Mr. Tueller, 63, said he had simply wanted to warn **officers** that they might be in danger far sooner than they realized. Twenty-one feet as a justification for shooting, he said, just became a "sticky idea" in policing.

The Dallas **police** chief, David O. Brown, said at a policing conference in February: "Sometimes it seems like our young **officers** want to get into an athletic event with people they want to arrest. They have a 'don't retreat' mentality. They feel like they're warriors and they can't back down when someone is running from them, no matter how minor the underlying crime is."

Those remarks came just weeks before a **police officer** in North Charleston, S.C., was charged with murder for shooting an unarmed man in the back. The **officer** had stopped the man, Walter L. Scott, because of a broken brake light. When Mr. Scott ran, the **officer** gave chase, even though he had Mr. Scott's driver's license.

"In most cases, time is on our side," Chief Whent, of Oakland, said in an interview. "We're chasing someone whose name we know, and we know where they live."

The Oakland department, which is still working to repair its troubled history, now prohibits **officers** from chasing **suspects** alone into yards or alleys if they might be **armed.** All **officers** receive training that emphasizes smart decision-making. After averaging about eight **police** shootings annually for many years, the city had none last year and cut in half the number of times **officers** drew their guns, Chief Whent said.

Whether a shooting is justified often hinges on the fraction of a second before the **officer** fires. In Cleveland in November, **officers** thought that 12-year-old Tamir Rice was wielding a pistol, not realizing he was playing with a replica. In Ferguson, Mo., an **officer** said he killed Michael Brown, 18, last summer because Mr. Brown had lunged at him after a scuffle through the window of his cruiser. In Seattle, the **officer** who shot the woodcarver said that the man had refused to drop his knife and that he had struck a "very confrontational posture."

But earlier decisions can also be critical. In Cleveland, **officers** pulled their cars extremely close to Tamir, immediately increasing the possibility of a confrontation. In Ferguson, the **officer**, Darren Wilson, got out of his car after the tussle and pursued Mr. Brown alone. In Seattle, internal investigators chastised the **officer**, Ian Birk, for approaching the armed man and then using the 21-foot rule to justify shooting him.

"Officer Birk created the situation which he claims he had to use deadly force to get out of," a **police** review board concluded. The officer resigned.

Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York announced a new training program for the **Police** Department in December as the city faced waves of protests over the **death** of Eric Garner, an unarmed black man who died after a **police** chokehold. Seattle, which is under federal supervision after a Justice Department civil rights investigation, recently announced that its **officers** would also receive new training.

Mr. Tueller, the retired Salt Lake City instructor, said that he supported improving **police** training, but that **officers** were being unfairly blamed for the recent spate of **fatal** shootings. Most, if not all, would have been avoided if the suspects had obeyed orders, he said.

"We can't get in people's heads, and we can't change behavior in many situations," he said. "If they don't comply, the **officer** has to have options. De-escalation is fine, to a point."

Teaching officers to hesitate, Mr. Tueller said, could put them in danger.

That focus on **officer** safety has underpinned many **police** policies, but Mr. Wexler argues that it is a false choice. **Officers** in Britain, most of whom do not carry guns and typically face fewer suspects with firearms than some American **police officers** do, regularly confront suspects carrying knives, as do their counterparts here. British **officers** follow what is known as the National Decision Model, which emphasizes talking, remaining patient and using no more force than necessary.

No **police officer** in England has died from a weapon attack during the past two years, according to the most recent published data, and none have been involved in **fatal** shootings during that period. (**Officers** with guns back up those who do not carry them.)

But Mr. Wexler acknowledged that changes in policing would be slow. "Not everybody's going to accept it," he said. "We're asking them to rethink in a major way things they have done for 20 years."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: Training with a video simulation, Lt. Sekou Millington of the Oakland, Calif., **police** confronted an armed man during a robbery. (PHOTOGRAPH BY JIM WILSON/THE NEW YORK TIMES) (A13) CHART: Training for Recruits: A recent survey of 281 **police** agencies found that young **officers** spent far more time training on firearms and tactics than on responding to a crisis or defusing tense situations. (Source: **Police** Executive Research Forum) (A13)

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BYLINE: Jared Felkins, The Lebanon Democrat, Tenn.

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June 30--MT. JULIET -- An armed robbery Saturday evening at the Corner Market at 20 Benders Ferry Road remained under investigation Monday after the suspect was later found dead.

Mt. Juliet **officers** responded to an armed robbery call at about 8:30 p.m. at the Corner Market after a witness called 911. But before **officers** could get there, the suspect fled the scene in a Ford Escape after apparently stealing a case of beer.

Investigators with the criminal investigations division responded to the scene. Their preliminary investigation revealed a man entered the store, grabbed a case of beer and ran out of the store. A 56-year-old clerk and 46-year-old witness confronted the suspect as he got into his car.

During the confrontation, the suspect pulled a revolver and pointed it at the clerk and witness. As the suspect fled the scene, **officers** said the witness told them the suspect fired one gunshot out of the vehicle. No one was hit by gunfire or injured during the robbery.

At about 10:30 p.m., Mt. Juliet **police** investigators confirmed the suspect was found dead at a home on Lakeview Drive in an unincorporated area of Wilson County. Wilson County **sheriff's** investigators continued to look into the suspect's **death.**

On Monday, **Sheriff** Robert Bryan said **deputies** responded to 62 Lakeview Drive on Saturday at about 11 p.m. and found Kristopher Lee Green dead in the home from what appeared to be a gunshot wound. Bryan said a small-caliber handgun was recovered from the scene.

Bryan said Green's body was taken to the state medical examiner's office for autopsy, and the investigation remained open pending the results.

During the investigation, Bryan said investigators found indications at the scene Green was a possible **suspect** in an **armed** robbery that prior to the shooting at the Corner Market at the corner of Benders Ferry Road and Lebanon Road in Mt. Juliet. **Sheriff's** investigators contacted Mt. Juliet **police**, and investigators from Mt. Juliet were investigating the armed robbery, Green and any possible connection between the two.

Police said there is no active search under way for any suspects.

"Our thoughts and prayers go out to the suspect's family, friends and loved ones," said Mt. Juliet **police** Lt. Tyler Chandler. "The identity of the suspect will not be released until the Wilson County **Sheriff's** Department completes [its] investigation."

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Truck hits state trooper on I-95 in Caroline County

CAROLINE - A Virginia State Police trooper was seriously injured Wednesday morning after being hit by a vehicle while assisting with traffic control in Caroline County, according to state police Sgt. Steve Vick.

The trooper was hit at about 12:18 a.m. and taken to VCU Medical Center with serious but non-life-threatening injuries, Vick wrote in a statement.

The injured trooper was one of three troopers controlling traffic on southbound Interstate 95 near mile marker 108, north of the Ladysmith rest area, Vick said.

A tractor trailer lost control while approaching the scene and hit a state police vehicle and then a contract worker's parked pickup truck, Vick said.

Once the tractor trailer hit the pickup truck, the pickup truck hit the trooper, who was on foot, sending the trooper over a guardrail, Vick said.

State police were directing traffic because there was high water on the interstate, according to Vick, who said the police vehicles' emergency lights were on at the time of the crash.

The contract worker was there to help the police, including by setting up cones, Vick said.

The trooper was the only person injured, Vick said.

Nicholas J. Coia, 67, of Florida, was the driver of the 2016 Kenworth tractor trailer and was charged with reckless driving, Vick said.

Sheriff's deputy shoots, kills armed suspect

YORKTOWN - The York-Poquoson Sheriff's Office says that one of its deputies shot and killed a 26-year-old

Newport News man who was armed.

The **Sheriff's** Office says the shooting happened early Wednesday morning on Fort Eustis Boulevard in York County while the **deputy** was investigating a vehicle accident.

The office posted on its Facebook page that a confrontation ensued, and that Damien A. Harrell produced a handgun. The **deputy** shot Harrell, who was pronounced dead at Mary Immaculate Hospital.

The **Sheriff's** Office said Harrell, who was wanted for unspecified charges in another jurisdiction, had an extensive criminal history. It said Harrell was considered armed and dangerous with violent tendencies.

Authorities have not released the name of the **deputy** involved. An investigation into the shooting is ongoing.

Agency investigating **death** in fall from tower

VERONA - The state is investigating the **death** of a West Virginia man who fell about 30 feet from a water tower in Verona.

Augusta County Fire Battalion Commander Jeff Hurst said the man fell from a ladder attached to the unfinished water tower at Mill Place Commerce Park.

Augusta County Service Authority **deputy** executive director Oscar Beasley identified the victim as 47-year-old Gregory Jamison of Franklin, West Virginia.

Jamison was an employee of the authority.

The accident occurred Saturday morning. Beasley said Jamison died on Sunday.

Other details weren't available.

The Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Safety Compliance Program is investigating the incident.

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BYLINE: By Christine Byers St. Louis Post-Dispatch Paul Hampel and Margaret Gillerman of the Post-Dispatch contributed to this report.

BODY:

ST. LOUIS o St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced Monday that no charges will be filed against the city police officer who shot and killed VonDerrit Myers Jr.

Joyce issued a press release and a report detailing an investigation her office conducted separately from **police**. An assistant U.S. attorney helped with the investigation.

Joyce did not name the **officer** in a 51-page report because he was not charged with a crime, but **Police** Chief Sam Dotson released a separate statement including the name of **Officer** Jason Flanery, which had become public months ago anyway.

The prosecutor's report on the Oct. 8 shooting reads, in part, "Given all the available facts, witness statements, physical and forensic evidence" prosecutors "have determined a criminal violation could not be proven beyond a reasonable doubt. Therefore, charges will not be filed in this case."

The material Joyce released suggested, in fact, that Flanery, 31, was attacked and shot Myers, 18, in self-defense while on patrol that night for a private residents' association in the Shaw neighborhood. The encounter occurred about 7:30 p.m. in the 4100 block of Shaw Boulevard.

But it did cast a new light on the beginnings of the incident, which Flanery had told investigators started when three youths ran from his marked security car, one of them holding his hand against his body as if securing a gun. The **officer** did not catch them, and approached Myers shortly later, believing it was the same person.

But Myers was wearing a GPS monitor on his ankle as a condition of his bail on charges from June 27 of unlawful use of a weapon and resisting arrest. "Based on this GPS information, it appears Myers was not the person Officer X was chasing..." the prosecutor's report says.

It puts Myers at the Shaw Market, where he also is seen on video, and then going home briefly, where acquaintances said they went for jackets.

But the officer did have reason to suspect from Myers' behavior in their encounter that he was armed, the report says,

and after they struggled had "probable cause to give chase." It was during the foot pursuit, officials said, that Myers fired at least three shots before Flanery returned fire. Flanery was not hit.

Flanery declined to be interviewed separately for Joyce's investigation, so his part of it was based on statements he made earlier to **police** investigators.

The circumstances of the killing of Myers, who was black, by Flanery, who is white, drew angry protests as it occurred just two months after international attention focused on the killing of Michael Brown, who was black, by a white Ferguson officer Aug. 9.

An attorney for the Myers family, Jerryl Christmas, challenged Joyce's report Monday and said he is close to filing a wrongful-death lawsuit on their behalf.

"Jason Flanery should have been charged with murder," Christmas said. "The killing of VonDerrit was the same situation as the Walter Scott killing with the exception that (Myers' shooting) was not on video." His was referring to the killing of an unarmed man who fled a South Carolina officer, who was charged with murder.

"I don't believe for a minute that VonDerrit had a weapon," Christmas said. "Flanery threw that gun down on him just like they threw that stun gun down on Walter Scott in South Carolina." The lawyer claimed a private autopsy showed that Myers was shot in the back while fleeing and fatally in the head as he lay wounded on the ground.

Asked to account for photos circulated on social media of Myers in the past holding a gun that looked like the distinctive two-tone Smith & Wesson pistol recovered at the scene, Christmas replied, "Prosecutors can't say with any type of accuracy that's the same gun. All Smith & Wessons look alike."

Police initially described the confiscated gun as a Ruger, then changed it to Smith & Wesson, saying it was an honest mistake made in haste to provide the public with answers.

Christmas and about three dozen others gathered at 6 p.m. Monday at a makeshift memorial where Myers died.

"I'm hurt because they took my grandbaby," Myers' grandmother Shelley Myers-Cotton told a reporter between sobs. She said the **officer** "needs to be in the jailhouse," adding, "Had it been me, I'd be in the jailhouse."

Myers' mother, Syreeta Myers, said she was "sick and tired" of seeing black children killed by **police.** "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired."

Joyce, the prosecutor, said that Myers' family attorneys never showed up for meetings, and neither provided access to witnesses they claimed disputed the **officer's** statements nor a copy of the private autopsy. She said she issued grand jury subpoenas for three such witnesses, but one could not be found and the others cited Fifth Amendment rights against self-incrimination.

"Mr. Christmas did not produce any witnesses to us who saw what happened," Joyce said in an interview. "I have to assume that they did not have anything to offer that would have led to prosecuting the **officer** or they would have come forward."

Her report says, "Based upon the investigation, prosecutors concluded that Mr. Myers produced a firearm on the evening in question. Multiple witnesses confirm there was gunfire coming from both directions and from two different guns at the scene. Ballistics evidence confirms that two different guns were fired at the scene. There is no evidence that **Officer** X ... was the person who fired both guns."

It adds, "No witness claims to have seen **Officer** X alter evidence in any way, such as throw down a gun, fire a weapon in any direction other than towards Mr. Myers or scatter bullet casings. Additionally, there are witnesses that describe how Mr. Myers illegally came into possession of the Smith and Wesson firearm used in this matter."

In December, the **police** department said it found no criminal wrongdoing by Flanery. But under new procedures, the evidence still must be reviewed by the prosecutor for possible charges. Previously, prosecutors examined **police** shootings only if the department asked.

The state crime lab found gunshot residue on Myers' hands, shirt and inside the waistband and pockets of his jeans.

Police said such residue can be present on anyone near a shooting, but this was consistent with Myers firing a weapon.

However, Joyce's investigation concluded that the residue was not proof either way. It also said it is "rare" to find DNA or fingerprints on a gun, and neither was found on this one.

"The location of bullets, casings, bullet tracks and damage are consistent with **Officer** X's and other witnesses' versions of events," the report said.

Police said three bullets matching the gun found with Myers had hit the ground near where Flanery said he tried to take cover. A round that pierced a car behind the **officer** was too damaged for a match but not consistent with the **officer's** bullets.

Dotson said Flanery has more than six years of service and was working an approved secondary job at the time.

"We appreciate the community's patience as this investigation was conducted and commend the dedicated and thorough work of both the Circuit Attorney's Office and the Force Investigative Unit," Dotson wrote. "I have pledged transparency to the citizens of St. Louis and am committed to upholding this promise."

Protesters took to the streets of the Shaw neighborhood after Myers' **death.** The first night, rocks were thrown through windows of some homes and at least one business, three **police** vehicles were vandalized, and flags taken from porches were burned.

According to Joyce's report, Flanery told investigators his reaction was slowed that night by thoughts of Ferguson: "I didn't want to be wrong in my shoot. I knew it was a gun but, I just, I, I wanted to be certain. So I didn't shoot, I hesitated."

Flanery's attorney, Brian Millikan, said Monday: "There's obviously a mix of emotions right now because it brings it all back up again." He added, "We are relieved it's over and they concluded that no crime was committed.

"That's what we expected. They obviously did a very thorough investigation."

Millikan said Flanery became the subject of **death** threats after Christmas made the **officer's** name public months ago.

"He's certainly aware of his surroundings, let's put it that way," Millikan said. "But he's continuing on with his normal job and doing it well and trying not to let this whole incident change his perspective on what he does."

With the completion of the prosecutor's investigation into the Myers shooting, Joyce said she will turn her attention to a review of the **fatal** shooting of Kajieme Powell on Aug. 19 by two city **officers** who said he came at them with a knife. A bystander's cellphone video included the sound of Powell shouting, "Shoot me! Kill me now!"

Joyce said it is too soon to know how long that investigation would take.

GRAPHIC: Vonderitt Myers Sr., (left), Syreeta Myers, (right), the parents of of Vonderrit Myers Jr., stand with Shelley Myers-Cotton, (center), Vonderitt Jr.'s grandmother, stand together on Monday, May 18, 2015, before a press conference at a makeshift memorial reacting to a statement by prosecutor Jennifer Joyce that there will be no charges filed against the off-duty St. Louis **police officer** who shot and killed Myers last October in the Shaw neighborhood. Photo by Christian Gooden, cgooden@post-dispatch.com A memorial to VonDerrit D. Myers Jr. still stands in the Shaw neighborhood, as seen on Monday, May 18, 2015, the day St. Louis Circuit Attorney Jennifer Joyce announced

that no charges will be filed against the city police officer who fatally shot Myers on Oct. 8, 2014. Photo by David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Vonderrit D. Myers Jr. was shot and killed during an encounter with a St. Louis police officer who was working a security job in the Shaw neighborhood on Oct. 8, 2014. Police say he had a gun and fired at the officer. Jason H. Flanery, from Instagram Protesters march along Maury Avenue during a march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. About 125 protesters, many who recently took training for non-violent protests from organizers of the Ferguson protests, took part in the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Syreeta Myers (center right) holds a vigil on Saturday, May 9, 2015 near the site where her son, VonDerrit D. Myers Jr, was shot to death by an off-duty police officer who was on patrol for a private residents' association, near the intersection of Shaw Boulevard and Klemm Street in St. Louis. "It's a struggle," said Myers, who organizes a monthly vigil after the Oct. 8, 2014 incident. "My son is gone. He was my only child." Photo by Huy Mach, hmach@post-dispatch.com Friends, family and members of the community pray during a candlelight vigil held in memory of Vonderrit Myers Jr. on Thursday, Oct. 9, 2014, on the 4100 block of Shaw where Myers Jr. was killed Wednesday night. An off-duty St. Louis police officer shot and killed the African-American Myers Jr., who police say flourished a weapon and shot three times at the officer before the officer returned fire. Family members dispute their son had a weapon. Photo by Laurie Skrivan, lskrivan@post-dispatch.com Protesters block traffic at the intersection of Kingshighway at S. Vanderventer Avenue during a protest march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. About 125 protesters, many who recently took training for non-violent protests from organizers of the Ferguson protests, took part in the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Protesters march along on Kingshighway at Interstate 44 blocking traffic during a protest march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. About 125 protesters, many who recently took training for non-violent protests from organizers of the Ferguson protests, took part in the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Protesters march along Kingshighway in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Police blocked traffic along Shaw Avenue, Manchester Avenue, Kingshighway and S. Grand Boulevard as protesters marched down the streets. About 125 protesters, many who recently took training for non-violent protests from organizers of the Ferguson protests, took part in the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Activists Deray Mckesson tweets from his phone as protesters block traffic on Kingshighway at Interstate 44 during a protest march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Protesters block traffic at the intersection of Kingshighway at S. Vanderventer Avenue during a protest march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. About 125 protesters, many who recently took training for non-violent protests from organizers of the Ferguson protests, took part in the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Protesters stop traffic along Kingshighway at the Interstate 44 overpass in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Police blocked traffic along Shaw Avenue, Manchester Avenue, Kingshighway and S. Grand Boulevard as protesters marched down the streets. About 125 protesters, many who recently took training for non-violent protests from organizers of the Ferguson protests, took part in the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com A protester blocks traffic exiting off of Interstate 44 at S. Grand Boulevard during march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in the Shaw neighborhood and south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Protesters blocked traffic along Shaw Avenue, Manchester Avenue, Kingshighway and S. Grand Boulevard during the march. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Activists Deray Mckesson and Johnetta Elzie stand at the corner of S. Grand Boulevard and Shaw Avenue at the end of a protest march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in the Shaw neighborhood and south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Mckesson and Elzie produce a newsletter about protests in Ferguson and St. Louis related to police shootings. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Kelly Bono and her husband Andrew Bono, from Sycamore Hills, march with protesters along S. Vanderventer Avenue during a march for VonDerrit Myers Jr. in south St. Louis on Sunday, Nov. 23, 2014. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com

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HEADLINE: Guelph social agency to honour shooting victim

BYLINE: Rob O'Flanagan, Mercury staff

BODY:

People who knew the victim of the **fatal** May 20 **police** shooting at the Guelph General Hospital will honour him Monday with a pizza dinner.

They will gather to remember Brandon Duncan at a downtown agency that serves local homeless and marginalized residents.

Meanwhile, local political activists are planning to protest the use of lethal weapons by police officers.

Ed Pickersgill co-ordinates 40 Baker St., which houses several programs and organizations that serve "the unemployed, needy and dispossessed," according to its website. Duncan was a longtime client of Fresh Start Housing Centre. Fresh Start helps the homeless find shelter and sustainable housing.

Duncan, 36, was killed in the emergency department at about 1:30 p.m. on May 20, during an interaction with two Guelph **Police officers.**

He was shot multiple times. The SIU has 12 investigators probing the death.

Duncan suffered from mental illness, addiction, and Crohn's disease, according to friends and associates in the community.

He accessed services for the homeless over at least a 15-year period, and had several lengthy stays in hospital related to Crohn's.

Pickersgill is dedicating the Monday pizza dinner at 40 Baker Street to Duncan. It runs from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. People will be invited to share their thoughts and reactions on a large sheet of paper.

On the Facebook event page for the memorial, Pickersgill states Duncan was in "a serious personal crisis resulting from homelessness, Crohn's, addiction, loneliness and fear," at the time of his **death.**

"We at 40 Baker Street would like to share our pizza day supper on Monday 1st of June in memory of Brandon Duncan so that (1) his **death** not go unmarked in his community; and (2) pizza and juice and music on that day be an occasion

for those who knew him personally and for those who have shared in similar circumstances to have a chance to give a nod of understanding that his life did matter and that he simply should not have died the way he did."

Area funeral homes have been contacted and none is as yet managing memorial/burial arrangements for Duncan. The SIU would not comment this week on whether Duncan's body has been released for burial.

It's unclear where Duncan's next of kin reside. The SIU said a family member consented to release his name to the public. That person's identity has not been made public. Associates of Duncan in Guelph have asserted that they have no knowledge of him having relatives in the city. They believe he was raised in Fergus by his grandparents, who are deceased.

Monday's event at 40 Baker Street may also involve planning for a protest at an upcoming Guelph **Police** Services Board meeting, said Sakura Saunders.

Saunders is a local political activist, a volunteer with the Ontario Public Interest Research Group, and a **police** accountability activist. She is also the founder of the group Disarm Toronto **Police** and advocates for the disarming of front line **officers**.

She said discussions are underway to organize a Guelph protest or advocacy event against the use of lethal force by **police.** Activists are planning to attend a Guelph **Police** Service public meeting at the Shelldale Centre on Tuesday. That session is an input forum related to the development of the **police** service's next strategic business plan.

"People are definitely disturbed about it," Saunders said, speaking of the Duncan shooting.

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"This is one of the reasons I advocate that front line **police officers** are disarmed, and that only a special force has lethal weapons," she said, speaking of the Duncan incident. "I think the **police** should have been securing the area and making sure that people were safe, including the person they ended up killing, rather than using lethal means."

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HEADLINE: Guelph agency to honour victim in **police** shooting

BYLINE: Rob O'Flanagan, News services

BODY:

People who knew the victim of the **fatal** May 20 **police** shooting at the Guelph General Hospital will honour him Monday with a pizza dinner.

They will gather to remember Brandon Duncan at a downtown agency that serves local homeless and marginalized residents.

Meanwhile, local political activists are planning to protest the use of lethal weapons by police officers.

Ed Pickersgill co-ordinates 40 Baker Street, which houses several programs and organizations that serve "the unemployed, needy and dispossessed," according to its website. Duncan was a longtime client of Fresh Start Housing Centre, which is located at 40 Baker St. Fresh Start helps the homeless find shelter and sustainable housing.

Duncan, 36, was killed in the emergency department at about 1:30 p.m. on May 20, during an interaction with two Guelph **Police officers.** He was shot multiple times. The Special Investigations Unit has been assigned to the case.

Duncan suffered from mental illness, addiction, and Crohn's disease, according to friends and associates in the community. He accessed services for the homeless over at least a 15-year period, and had several lengthy stays in hospital related to Crohn's.

Pickersgill is dedicating the Monday pizza dinner at 40 Baker St. to Duncan. It runs from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. People will be invited to share their thoughts and reactions on a large sheet of paper.

On the Facebook event page for the memorial, Pickersgill states Duncan was in "a serious personal crisis resulting from homelessness, Crohn's, addiction, loneliness and fear," at the time of his **death**.

"We at 40 Baker Street would like to share our pizza day supper on Monday 1st of June in memory of Brandon Duncan so that (1) his **death** not go unmarked in his community; and (2) pizza and juice and music on that day be an occasion for those who knew him personally and for those who have shared in similar circumstances to have a chance to give a nod of understanding that his life did matter and that he simply should not have died the way he did."

Area funeral homes have been contacted and none is as yet managing memorial/burial arrangements for Duncan. The

SIU would not comment this week on whether Duncan's body has been released for burial.

It's unclear where Duncan's next of kin reside. The SIU said a family member consented to release his name to the public. That person's identity has not been made public. Associates of Duncan in Guelph have asserted that they have no knowledge of him having relatives in the city. They believe he was raised in Fergus by his grandparents, who are deceased.

Monday's event may also involve planning for a protest at an upcoming Guelph **Police** Services Board meeting, said Sakura Saunders, a local political activist, a volunteer with the Ontario Public Interest Research Group, and a **police** accountability activist. She is also the founder of the group Disarm Toronto **Police** and advocates for the disarming of front line **officers**.

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HEADLINE: Woman suffered manic break in 22-hour standoff near Woodland Hills, son says

BYLINE: Stephanie K. Baer

BODY:

An armed 74-year-old woman who held **sheriff** s **deputies** in a 22-hour standoff near Woodland Hills last week was fasting and had not slept for days when she suffered what one son called a manic break.

At a Tuesday afternoon news conference at Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department headquarters in Monterey Park, sheriff's officials explained how an initial distress call of an elderly woman having difficulty breathing devolved into what Sheriff Jim McDonnell called a life or death situation for the woman and authorities.

Video: Family says woman had not shown signs of mental health issues

The incident began about 5:30 a.m. Thursday when the woman placed a call for medical assistance from the Woodland Park Mobile Estates at 4201 Topanga Canyon Blvd., an unincorporated section of the city.

When a firefighter approached to ask the woman how he could help her, she pulled a gun and fled into the park.

Sheriff s **deputies** later found her sitting in an alcove on the back porch of a home. That s when **deputies** sent in a robot to the area, said Lt. Bruce Chase.

Chase said the woman fired two rounds at the robot, causing the department to try other tactics tear gas, light and sound diversion, water and less lethal impact devices to coax her out of hiding.

Nothing worked.

We were trying to separate her from the gun, Chase said.

At one point, the woman burrowed underneath the home where she fired three additional rounds at authorities.

She lived in another home at the park for about 10 years, according to family members.

It was 18 hours into the operation that the command staff decided no more chemical agents or less lethal impact devices should be used, McDonnell said. She has shown zero reaction to any of it and the cumulative effect of more could seriously injure or possibly kill her.

At 3:30 a.m. Friday, five deputies were sent under the house to forcibly remove the woman. Only three of the five

Woman suffered manic break in 22-hour standoff near Woodland Hills, son says Pasadena Star-News (California) May 27, 2015 Wednesday

deputies were armed and none could wear any protective gear due to the small space.

Meanwhile, the woman had one round left in her revolver.

We were prepared to use deadly force if we had to. It would have been extremely depressing to everybody involved ... if it had ended in the use of deadly force, Chase said. In this particular case, ... they were going head first against an **armed suspect** with no tactical protection.

Chase declined to comment on what exactly occurred beneath the home but said the woman was handcuffed and taken into custody without incident.

The woman has not been charged and was still being treated Tuesday for a hand injury at Northridge Hospital Medical Center. She initially suffered from hypothermia following the overnight incident. No one else was injured.

Her two sons, who declined to be identified, said she had never exhibited signs of mental health issues prior to the incident. It wasn t until an email she sent to her sons on Wednesday night that they realized something was wrong.

She went down all these different threads, was never able to come back on track and said she was writing a book that would change the world, her elder son said.

The two planned to check on her that weekend, not imagining what would unfold over the next 24 hours. Neither son knew she had a gun, they said.

Fortunately she was physically tough enough to endure a situation that she put herself in, one son said. We re so proud of the whole team of law enforcement for their restraint and compassion.

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CITY

DOWNTOWN

Water main break forces motorists to reroute trips

A water main break Downtown on Tuesday morning rerouted some traffic while crews worked to find and repair the problem, according to the Pittsburgh Water & Sewer Authority.

The break happened on Seventh Street between Smithfield Street and William Penn Place, according to a release from PWSA spokesman Brendan Schubert.

Two Downtown buildings were affected, he said.

FINEVIEW

Fatal stabbing results in prison sentence

A Pittsburgh man will serve six to nearly 17 years in prison for fatally stabbing his girlfriend's son with a butcher knife, a judge ordered Tuesday.

Michael Monroe, 44, of Fineview pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in April. Prosecutors withdrew other charges in exchange for his plea but left sentencing up to Allegheny County Common Pleas Judge Jill E. Rangos.

Pittsburgh **police** charged Monroe with homicide, terroristic threats and simple assault in the **death** of Dereck Frye, 22, on July 6.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY

DUQUESNE

Megan's Law violations alleged; arrest made

A former Duquesne man who must register under Megan's Law for the rest of his life was arrested on Monday afternoon on three warrants charging him with violating the registration rules.

Russell Lavain Jennings, 62, who was released from jail on May 15 for previous Megan's Law violations, was arrested without incident as he was leaving a business on the South Side, Chief Allegheny County **Sheriff's Deputy** Kevin Kraus said.

Deputies went to the establishment after receiving information that Jennings would be there, Kraus said.

GLASSPORT

Rescue team saves 3 trapped in vehicles

Glassport's swift water rescue team pulled three people from flooded vehicles during the fast-moving thunderstorms that rolled through Allegheny and surrounding counties late Tuesday afternoon.

Citizens Hose Volunteer Fire Co. No. 1 fire Chief Wayne Lewis, who serves as the rescue team's supervisor, said the three were pulled from two vehicles stranded in 3 feet of water near the intersection of Broadway and Ohio avenues. Streets were reported flooded in other parts of Glassport and several surrounding communities. Large hail was reported in White Oak, according to National Weather Service reports.

Trees and power lines were reported down in parts of Allegheny, Beaver, Washington, Greene and Westmoreland counties.

PLUM

Church leader to stand trial in teen rape case

A former Plum church youth leader was ordered Tuesday to stand trial on charges he forced a teenager to have sex with him in Lower Burrell.

Daniel Allen Jack, 31, of Lower Burrell, will be tried trial on rape and seven other charges, including sexual assault by an employee of a nonprofit organization. Jack denies the charges and pleaded not guilty at his preliminary hearing.

The girl testified she met Jack at the Amplify Church in Plum in December 2013. He was serving as one of the youth group leaders.

Defense attorney Robert Mielnicki asked Allegheny Township District Judge Cheryl Peck Yakopec to dismiss the rape charge because the girl did not testify that she was forced to have sex. But Westmoreland County Assistant District Attorney Judy Petrush argued that the girl was coerced by Jack, who was her youth group leader.

Sharpsburg

Suspected heroin leads to arrest of man, 34

Sharpsburg police arrested a Lawrenceville man Monday who possessed 10 bags of suspected heroin, police said.

Max Traven Buriak, 34, of Lorna Way was arrested about 12 p.m. in a part of Sharpsburg, which **police** Chief Leo Rudzki said is an "area where neighbors have been complaining about drug activity."

Buriak's bond is set at \$500,000. A hearing is planned July 8.

Buriak also had two outstanding felony warrants for retail theft in Frazer and Upper St. Clair.

Rudzki said police "observed suspicious activity, approached the individual and made an arrest."

BUTLER COUNTY

Accidental death ruled for body in stream

A man whose body was found Saturday in a stream in Butler died as a result of an accident, the Butler County coroner

said.

Joshua Hepler, 30, of Butler was found dead about 8:30 a.m. Saturday near a swinging bridge in Sullivan Run.

He died of blunt-force trauma to the head, Coroner William Young said.

"We think he slipped and fell. There were no witnesses,' Young said.

Woman robbed; suspect nabbed quickly

An **armed** man forced a Cranberry woman into the rear of her sport utility vehicle before he drove off with some of her belongings, township **police** said.

Taquan Maxwell, 21, of Grove City is charged with robbery, theft, unlawful restraint and related counts.

Maxwell approached the woman as she cleaned her vehicle in her apartment parking lot along Dutilh Road about 8 p.m. Friday, **police** Sgt. Chuck Mascellino said.

An **officer** from Jackson spotted Maxwell's car a short time later on Interstate 79.

The gun turned out to be a pellet gun, Mascellino said.

Maxwell remained in the Butler County Prison on Tuesday.

FAYETTE COUNTY

Prison ordered for rape of 2 girls

A Uniontown man who admitted that he repeatedly raped two young girls will serve at least 15 years in prison.

David Kinteay Carson, 38, entered guilty pleas on Tuesday to charges of rape, statutory sexual assault, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, aggravated indecent assault and indecent assault.

The pleas are the result of a plea bargain in which Carson is to be sentenced to 15 to 30 years in prison, according to Phyllis Jin, assistant district attorney. Two counts of child pornography were dropped.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY

90-year-old driver killed in collision

A 90-year-old Pittsburgh man died in a collision between a car and a pickup in Westmoreland County on Tuesday afternoon.

The man's name was not immediately released. **Police** said he died before first responders arrived.

The crash was reported about 3:30 p.m. at the intersection of Route 380 and Utopia Road in Washington Township.

Police identified the other driver as a 60-year-old Leechburg man. **Police** and a witness said he was taken by ambulance to Forbes Hospital in Monroeville.

Both motorists were driving alone when the crash occurred.

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HEADLINE: Baltimore cops charged in Freddie Gray death: What do police think?;

Many police don't want cops to be above the law, but they view the Freddie Gray case in Baltimore with trepidation.

BYLINE: Mark Sappenfield Staff writer

BODY:

The police officer had just shot and killed an unarmed minority suspect who had been trying to flee.

A fellow officer's dashboard camera caught the aftermath.

Officer Grant Morrison walks away from the scene of the shooting, his head in his hand, reaches the side of his colleague's cruiser, and collapses, sobbing uncontrollably.

For minutes on end, all that can be heard on the video is a fellow officer repeating, over and over, "I've got you."

Barely able to speak, Officer Morrison stammers, "I thought he was going to pull a gun on me."

A colleague leans over, consolingly, and whispers. "Maybe he was, maybe he was.... You survived."

The actions of a Billings, Mont., **police officer** bear little relation with whatever transpired before and after Freddie Gray was loaded, handcuffed and unbuckled, into a **police** van in Baltimore weeks ago. Mr. Gray died a week later of a severe neck injury suffered while in **police** custody.

But the Montana dashcam video offers at least a glimpse into why many **police** look at the indictment of six **police officers** Friday in the **death** of Gray with no small amount of trepidation.

For years, prosecutors and the United States Supreme Court have given **police officers** wide leeway in their use of deadly force. Now, the terms of that societal contract are up for robust debate, at the very least. If they are to change - as protesters from Ferguson, Mo., to North Charleston, S.C., have demanded - the question is how much?

Many **police officers** agree they must be held accountable to the law. But they wonder if society recognizes the difficulty of the task they are often set, and whether in the anger of the present the pendulum of **police** reform could swing too far the other way.

"The big picture is that the **police** are always held accountable for what elected officials can't provide for the people for failed infrastructure and failed policy," retired Baltimore **police officer** Leon Taylor told Slate.

In Baltimore, the police were tasked with holding the line between impoverished West Baltimore and the gentrifying

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urban core. Whether the tactics Baltimore **police** have used are necessary to maintain law and order will be addressed - either directly or implicitly - in the trial of the six **police officers**.

If the officers ran afoul of the law, many fellow officers nationwide will want to see them held responsible.

"First of all, the fundamental purpose of law enforcement is to bring violators of the law to justice, even if those violators of the law are law enforcement themselves," Dana Schrad, executive director for the Virginia Chiefs of **Police** Association, told WBT-TV in Richmond, Va. "The **officers** will have their day in court and justice will be based on the evidence."

But there is a sense among some **police** that society does not appreciate the complexities and mental toll of a job where the ability to deal out **death** is holstered on your hip, and the authority to do it is a badge pinned to your chest.

"The public thinks the **police** are above the law, but the **police** see themselves as expendable," former **Officer** Taylor told Slate.

In the Montana case, Morrison killed Richard Ramirez at a traffic stop in April 2014. After being told several times to put his hands up, Mr. Ramirez, who was high on methamphetamines, reached into his waistband, Morrison told a jury at a coroner's inquest.

"I knew in that moment, which later was determined to be untrue, but I knew in that moment that he was reaching for a gun," Morrison said, according to Yahoo News. "I couldn't take that risk.... I wanted to see my son grow up."

A 2011 reaction-time study found that if an **officer** waits until an **armed suspect** raises his gun to shoot, the **suspect** will likely get off the first shot. The Montana jury found that Morrison was justified in shooting Ramirez.

The fallout from Ferguson, however, has begun to change the calculus of policing. An Ohio **police officer** won national praise for not shooting a murder suspect despite the fact that the man charged him with his hand in his pocket, telling the **officer** to shoot him.

Moreover, some police departments are working to open a dialogue with the black community.

"I'd much rather they shout at me at a town hall meeting at a church and get to know me afterward than not have a relationship," Dallas **Police** Chief David Brown told the Associated Press. After a **police** shooting has already happened, "it's too late to try to establish relationships."

The concern is that the passion of the moment could lead to a reverse prejudice.

"In my 20-year career as a law enforcement **officer** and 16 years as an attorney I have never seen such a rush to file criminal charges, which I believe are driven by forces separate and apart from the application of law and the facts of this case as we've heard them," Michael Davey, a lawyer for one of the Baltimore **officers**, told the media.

Ultimately, however, those **officers** will have to explain themselves, some **police** say.

"Unfortunately I have to agree with the decision," Joseph Giacalone, a retired New York **Police** Department detective sergeant, told Slate. "Because I have no answer to why they threw him into the **police** van in the first place. What was the charge? Why did they arrest him? He didn't commit any crime."

"A lot of the guys I've spoken to feel the same thing I do."

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HEADLINE: Live blog: Body found in hunt for Jed Allen following murder of family in Didcot

BYLINE: Jason Collie

BODY:

Good morning.

Here is a review of all of our coverage of the murders in Vicarage Road and the hunt for Jed Allen.

10:08pm

9:15pm

An ambulance carrying the body believed to be Jed Allen has just left the area in Marston Ferry Road

7:00pm

Police at the scene in Marston Ferry Road

6:45pm

The approximate location

6:35pm

Police officers and forensics staff as well as an ambulance are at a cordoned off cycle path where the body believed to be Jed Allen has been found.

The road itself is open to traffic but it is a section of the cycle path that is cordoned off.

I'm down at Marston Ferry where a body - believed to be Jed Allen - has been found. pic.twitter.com/6Ek8O02EA1

- Callum Keown (@OxMailCallumK) May 25, 2015

6:31pm

The Thames Valley **Police** statement in full:

Thames Valley **Police** have found a body in connection with the murders in Didcot. The body of a man was found in Marston Ferry Road, Oxford, just before 5pm today.

Although the man has not been formally identified the force is satisfied it is Jed Allen, aged 21.

The victims' families have been informed. The body was discovered in an area of woodland accessible by two members of the public.

This area had not previously been searched by **police.** There is a cordon in place at the scene.

Thames Valley **Police** continues its investigation into the murder of Janet Jordon, known as Jan, Philip Howard, known as Phil, and Derin Jordon, in Vicarage Road, Didcot, on Saturday.

However we are not looking for anyone else in connection with their murders.

An inquest will be carried out by the coroner in due course.

Det Supt Chris Ward said: "My condolences go out to the families and loved ones of Janet Jordon, Philip Howard and Derin Jordon. We have specially trained **officers** with the families and we will continue to support them at this extremely difficult time.

"I would like to thank the public for all their help during this investigation, as well as their patience, while we have been carrying out searches across Oxfordshire.

"I would especially like to thank the residents of Didcot, who have co-operated with the police during this tragic period.

"I would also like to thank the media for publishing our appeal in connection with this investigation."

6:16pm

There is a heavy police presence in Marston Ferrry Road. We will bring you more from the scene as soon we have it.

6:10pm

The body that **police** believe is Jed Allen was found close to Marston Ferry Road.

The road runs between Summertown and Marston.

6:10pm

Police confirm they have found a body they believe to be Jed Allen.

More to follow

5:30pm

Police have changed the time and location of a briefing they were due to give the media this evening, saying it will now be held at 6pm and there is a significant update

3:20pm

Police continue to search University Parks today for clues to the whereabouts of Jed Allen

2:29pm

For those of you who have been following throughout the day, here is a timeline of how events have unfolded so far, according to Thames Valley **Police.**

Saturday May 23

5.24pm - Jed Allen is believed to board a train leaving Didcot. 5.45pm - He arrives in Oxford. 6pm - Allen is captured on CCTV at the WHSmith store at Oxford railway station just before 6pm. 8.23pm - Thames Valley **Police** are called to an address in Vicarage Road by a member of the public. They attend the property and find the bodies of Philip Howard, 44, Janet Jordon, 48, and daughter Derin, six. They are pronounced dead at the scene.

Sunday May 24

10.55am - Detectives reveal they are hunting a man called Jed Allen, 21, in connection with the killings.

Monday May 25

1.13pm - Police release CCTV footage of Allen in a bid to raise awareness of the search. Anyone who sees him is told to call 999.

2:23pm

Ribbons are starting to appear across Didcot in memory of Mr Howard, Ms Jordon and Derin. These ones are tied to lamposts in Wescum Drive, where the family had lived before moving to Vicarage Road.

1.52pm

Here's the video of Det Supt Chris Ward giving the latest information on the **police** investigation, courtesy Thames Valley **Police**

1:45pm

Video of Derin's headteacher John Myers paying tribute to the six-year-old and talking about how the school is supporting the community

1:35pm

A Thames Valley Police video of Det Supt Chris Ward giving the latest information

We are releasing CCTV images of a man wanted in connection with three murders in Didcot. The CCTV images are of Jed...

Posted by Thames Valley Police on Monday, May 25, 2015

1:29pm

Thames Valley Police spokesman James Williams has confirmed to the Oxford Mail that the murder weapon was a

knife.

1:10pm

DETECTIVES are today piecing together Jed Allen's movements in the hours before the bodies of his sister, mother and her partner were discovered in Didcot.

Det Supt Chris Ward released these two CCTV pictures of Allen - named as a suspect in the **deaths** in Vicarage Road - taken from Oxford Station just before 6pm on Saturday night. The bodies were discovered just after 8pm.

Mr Ward said: "We believe that Jed boarded a train from Didcot to Oxford at 5.24pm and arrived in Oxford at 5.45pm.

"He was then captured on CCTV at the WHSmith store at Oxford railway station just before 6pm.

"Jed is wearing a red or maroon shirt, a dark hooded jacket with a white trim on the zip, blue jeans and black shoes.

"After visiting WHSmith, we believe that Jed then walked to Oxford University Parks.

"Jed is white, about 6ft, of stocky build, and has a distinctive tattoo of a spider on his left hand.

"If you see Jed please do not approach him, instead call 999 immediately."

"We would urge anyone with any other information about the incident to contact us via 101 quoting a new reference number of 465 (24/5). Did you see or hear anything suspicious in Vicarage Road on Saturday? If you did then we want to hear from you."

Mr Ward also confirmed what is believed to be the murder weapon was found at the property in Vicarage Road.

Whilst post mortem examinations are yet to be carried out, police have said they believe the victims were stabbed.

Mr Ward also issued a warning to anyone sheltering Allen, 21.

He said: "If you don't want to speak directly to the **police** you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

"If anyone is harbouring Jed Allen then you need to know that this is a serious offence and we would ask you to contact us immediately."

Mr Ward added: "At this time no arrests have been made in this investigation.

"The post mortems of the victims are scheduled to take place today (25/5) and tomorrow (26/5).

"Our search of Oxford University Parks continues today with more than 100 officers involved, including national specialist search officers who have now joined the search.

"I can confirm that what we believe to be the murder weapon was found at the scene of the murder in Vicarage Road, Didcot.

"Finally, I would like to thank all those members of the public who have called in with information, as well as the media who have published our appeals."

12:59pm

Police release two CCTV images of Jed Allen taken at the WH Smith store at Oxford Station at just before 6pm on Saturday - little more than two hours before Jan, Phil and Derin's bodies were discovered.

More on this shortly

12:46pm

Tributes and bouquets continue to be left at Vicarage Road

12:45pm

Police remain at the house in Vicarage Road where Jan Jordon, Philip Howard and Derin Jordon were discovered.

11:50am

Police have yet to issue any new information about the investigation so far

11:40am

John Myers, the headteacher at All Saint's Primary School where Derin was in Year 1, said the family had just moved, but had most of their connections in the area.

Mr Myers said: "She was a beautiful little girl, happy and gentle and smiley. She was a wonderful little child."

He said he felt "shocked and devastated", adding: "As you can suspect I was just shocked when I heard. It's hard to believe, but it's also the manner of it as well. To lose any life is awful and lose a child is doubly so. But the nature of this loss is hard to take in and comprehend."

People have now gathered at the Ladygrove Children's Centre at the school, which is due to be open until 3pm today.

Mr Myers added: "I was here yesterday afternoon talking with friends and we just thought we needed to offer a place for people to go.

"People need a place to gather at times like this. We thought we should open up our doors and offer tea and coffee and a vicar.

"We have tea lights and candles and people can pray and there's gentle music."

11:25am

10:00am

A RAINBOW of ribbons will be spread across Didcot as the town pulls together after a family of three were found murdered.

Police are still hunting for Jed Allen, 21, after the bodies of his mother Jan Jordon, her partner Philip Howard and their six-year-old daughter Derin were found in their Vicarage Road home.

Flowers and tributes are being left at a **police** cordon on the street, barely yards from the murder scene.

Today Didcot's Ladygrove Children's Centre at All Saint's School, where Derin was a pupil, will be open from 10am until 3pm for families to gather with their children in support and remembrance.

Multi-coloured ribbons are also being tied around lamp posts in the area as a tribute to the three.

The main colours being chosen are blue for Mr Howard, purple or red for Ms Jordon and pink for six-year-old Derin, who was known affectionately as "Dezzy."

A **police** cordon remains on Vicarage Road, but Oxford University Parks has reopened after **police** closed it off yesterday.

A full-scale manhunt, involving more than 100 police officers was launched as Allen was named as a suspect in the case.

Police said the most likely cause of **death** was stabbing, and post mortem examinations are expected to be carried out today.

Searches in Didcot and Oxford are expected to continue today as police unravel what happened to the victims.

Yesterday **armed police** descended on University Parks in Oxford as part of the investigation. The parks' gates were shut and the grounds remained closed for most of the day.

This morning the gates were unlocked and the park appeared to have reopened.

Flowers and cuddly toys have been left on the cordon in Didcot, just yards from the crime scene.

A tribute signed by Mary, Dilly and Mally started: "To my best friend Jan, Dezzy & my anorexic Phil & my gorgeous boy Jed,

"You are my family & always will be.

"I always said Jan you were too kind for this world.

"My heart is broken & will never be the same again."

How the investigation developed over Saturday and Sunday

Det Supt Chris Ward said the most likely cause of the **deaths** of the trio - whose bodies were found in their home in Vicarage Road just before 8.30pm on Saturday - was stabbing.

Neighbours in Didcot have told the Oxford Mail that Allen regularly stayed at the family's previous address in Wensum Drive.

Mr Howard was 44, Ms Jordon 48 and Derin six and Mr Ward said: "We offer our condolences to the family. This is obviously a tragic and sad event."

Mr Ward, of Thames Valley **Police's** major crime unit, said **officers** were hunting for Allen, 21, as the force released a picture of him and appealed for anyone who sees him to call them on 101.

He added that post mortem examinations will be carried out today.

Police were called to the property just before 8.30pm on Saturday

Paramedics declared all three people dead at the scene.

No one has been arrested and more than 100 police officers are now involved in the case.

At about 4.25pm yesterday a private ambulance pulled up at the scene and the three bodies were brought out of the property.

Police arrive at Oxford University Parks and put on riot gear

Police in riot gear, along with **police** dogs, were yesterday seen entering Oxford University Parks after the grounds were shut as part of the investigation.

An armed **police officer** was also seen walking through the park.

Some 20 **officers** were seen entering the park in two large **police** vans at the South Lodge car park, by St Cross Street. A blue tent has been put up by that entrance.

All were carrying riot shields and they marched northwards into the grounds.

The gates were locked and a **police** helicopter was seen hovering over the area.

Police are hunting for Jed Allen in connection with a triple murder in Didcot

A lot of activity appeared to be happening toward the north-east end of the grounds, near the River Cherwell.

Passers-by were told by **police** and Oxford University security **officers** that the parks would be shut all day.

Roland Rossler, 44, a tourist from Hamburg, said: "I just came down to university parks this morning and I was told they are shut.

"I heard there is a murder and now **police** are looking for someone.

"It's very worrying."

Police at the gates of Oxford University Parks

Police confirmed that Allen was once a groundskeeper for Oxford University and Didcot Town Council's website lists a man of the same name having been an apprentice gardener with the authority.

At a press conference yesterday morning, Mr Ward appealed for the public's help to find Allen.

He said: "It is very important that we locate him as quickly as we can.

"I do not believe that there are any dangers to the wider community of Oxford, however given the nature of what we are dealing with, it's imporatnt that we find him as quickly and safely as possible."

Allen is 21, of large build, white, and has a distinctive tattoo of a spider on his left hand, Mr Ward said.

He was related to the victims.

Allen was formerly a groundsman for Oxford University, Mr Ward said, and there are searches going on in relation to

that.

His Facebook page says he studied at Marlborough School. He came from Didcot but now lives in Oxford, the page also says.

Mr Ward said claims that a firearm was involved in their **deaths** were not true but added: "I do not want to speculate at the cause of **death** at the moment.

"I don't know how long the victims were [dead in the house] but we are concentrating on the last 24 hours."

Their families had been informed of their **deaths**. Mr Ward added.

The three people had moved in to the house only within the past two months but had lived in the area before that.

Mr Ward is now appealing for anyone who was in Vicarage Road in the past 24 hours to call detectives on 101 quoting a new reference number of 465 (24/5).

The road is now sealed off as **police** carry out their investigations.

Three scenes of crime officers were seen going into the house about 8.15am yesterday.

There were at least 12 police officers at the scene.

Police held a press conference at 10.30am and we will be covering it live as it happens.

A former landlady of Ms Jordon said that she had known the 48-year-old and Allen when they rented a house from her in Kidlington.

Jane Ilott, 68, said: "I didn't know Jed as a 6ft man, I know him as a little fella who was really struggling."

The pensioner explained that her 48-year-old former tenant was not the kind of person that you got to know well, and that she moved into one of her houses before moving to Didcot.

"He lived with his dad and he was a lovely, lovely boy. He would come down some weekends, he would either be with his nan, who lives in Kidlington, or with his mum.

She continued: "We did far more than a landlord and landlady would have done, we tried to be good neighbours."

Asked if there was a man in Ms Jordon's life when she was living in Kidlington, Mrs Illot said: "I used to get knocks on the door, little disagreements with people knocking on my door and asking for the keys and I would say 'No'.

Adding that she would turn them away even when they claimed that Ms Jordon had said it was ok for them to go in, Mrs Ilott said: "That would be one of many, I'm only being honest. I'm not saying she was a nasty girl because she wasn't, she was a lovely girl with a problem."

Det Chief Insp Simon Steel of the Thames Valley **Police** Major Crime Unit, said: "Thames Valley **Police** has launched a murder investigation in Didcot after receiving a call from a member of the public at 8.23pm yesterday (23/5).

"Police officers attended the scene and three bodies were found inside the property. A man, a woman and a girl were pronounced dead at the scene by ambulance staff. Their deaths are being treated as suspicous.

"This is a tragic incident and our thoughts are with the loved ones of the deceased.

"I would like to reassure the public that we are carrying out a thorough investigation into the incident.

"We would urge anyone with any information about the incident to contact us immediately via 101 quoting reference number 1370 (23/5). Did you see or hear anything suspicious in Vicarage Road this evening? If you did then we want to hear from you.

"If you don't want to speak directly to the **police** you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111 or online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

"No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

"A scene watch is in place in Vicarage Road, which is currently closed with access to residents only.

"I understand this incident will have an impact on the community and residents will be concerned.

"As you can understand, we are in the early stages of this investigation, but we will work hard to make sure the community is kept updated when we can."

A spokesman from South Central Ambulance Service said: "We were called at 8.33pm to an incident in Vicarage Road, in Didcot.

"We sent two ambulance crews, an ambulance officer and our Enhanced Care Response Unit.

"Sadly, three people were confirmed deceased at the scene.

"An adult male, an adult female and a child."

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Thank you, Steve [Edwards, Executive Director of the Institute of Politics], for inviting me here today. It's an honor to speak with you about the work of the Civil Rights Division, particularly our work to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

Eric Garner. Tamir Rice. John Crawford. Walter Scott. Freddie Gray.

These names and many others have become familiar to us under tragic circumstances in recent months.

Their deaths and those of other unarmed African-American men and women in encounters with police officers have provoked widespread responses across the country and have fueled the Black Lives Matter movement. In communities of color, in particular, the reaction has been stark and sobering.

In the seven months I have been at the Civil Rights Division, I have spent a lot of time with local leaders and community members in cities all across America, including with numerous mothers who have lost their children in **officer**-involved shootings. The pain, anger, frustration--the lack of trust in the **police**--is real, and it is profound. Again and again, people have told me that young people are losing faith in our justice system and view law enforcement as preying on them rather than protecting their loved ones. They talk about how the **police** don't value their rights, or indeed, their lives. They talk about being tired of being viewed as criminals first, human beings second.

The conversation in these rooms, however, is not about whether to have **police** or not, but about what kind of policing communities want and deserve.

There is no question that we need **police** in our communities. **Police officers** ensure the safety of our communities by patrolling neighborhoods, defending the rights of victims and deterring crime. They are our first responders in many

emergency situations. And they can be role models for our young people.

The overwhelming majority of the women and men who **police** our streets do their jobs with honor, pride and distinction. Most of these individuals are driven to the **police** academy out of a commitment to public service and a desire to make an impact in their communities. As we are reminded by the senseless and tragic assassinations of New York **Police** Department (NYPD) Detectives Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu in December, the shooting of two **officers** in Ferguson in March, and the tragic injuries inflicted on **officers** in Baltimore a few weeks ago, **officers** do all of this at considerable risk to themselves.

I am struck everywhere I go by the wide gap in empathy and common language to discuss these problems. Because in the very same cities and rooms where I speak with folks in the community, I hear from law enforcement who emphasize their responsibility to enforce the law and how they are doing the best job they can. They feel attacked and undervalued. They talk about how the actions of a few bad actors have tarnished the whole profession. They talk about the fact that department budgets have been slashed over the last several years, resulting in drastic cuts for community policing and neighborhood patrols. They point out that they are constantly making split second decisions and people don't account for the thousands of times situations don't escalate. They talk about how the daily stress of their jobs takes a toll. And they are right about all of this.

Despite these divergent themes, there is one commonality in all rooms I am in. And that is that everyone agrees that we are confronting grave challenges when it comes to the erosion of trust between **police** and the communities they serve throughout the United States. The level of mistrust and resentment is unsettling. Some, including NYPD Commissioner William Bratton, call it a "crisis."

The consequences of distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve can be devastating. Where people perceive the criminal justice system to be arbitrary, biased and unfair, they are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement, making us all less safe. The distrust and alienation experienced in some communities can build into a powder keg of resentment, ready to be ignited by a single tragic incident. We have seen this over and over--in Watts in 1965, in Los Angeles in 1992 and most recently, in Ferguson in 2014.

It's worth asking, first, how did we get here? And second, what are we going to do about it?

Let's start with the first question and consider the source of the mistrust. Mistrust can't be explained away as the kneejerk reaction of the ill-informed or the hyperbolic. It has many sources. For some people, it's in part the product of historical awareness about the role that **police** played, as Commissioner Bratton recently told a group of **officers**, in "slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, lynchings, blockbusting." FBI Director James Comey has likewise noted, "At many points in American history, law enforcement enforced the status quo, a status quo that was often brutally unfair to disfavored groups." As Commissioner Bratton explained, this history has an enduring effect. "None of us did these things," he told his audience of **officers**. "None of us were troopers on the bridge at Selma. But it doesn't matter that these things happened before many of us were even born. What matters is that our history follows us like a second shadow."

The mistrust is also the product of lived experience, of negative interactions that individuals - or their family members, friends or neighbors - have had with law enforcement. Something as quietly humiliating as being mistreated during a traffic stop, or being followed in a retail store. These stories can circulate through a neighborhood - or these days, across the nation via the web and social media - and they can build up over time into a painful narrative that divides community members and **police.**

The lack of trust also undeniably results from our criminal justice policies over the last few decades, and the concentrated impact they have had on communities of color and people living in poverty. Law enforcement practices such as the stopping and frisking of young black men based on stereotypes. Sentencing policies that result in mass incarceration, particularly of people of color. And the devastating consequences that convictions have had on

individuals' ability to find work, secure stable housing and reintegrate as full members of society. We bear the responsibility to confront these consequences and reevaluate our approach to criminal justice.

The Civil Rights Division's investigation and March 2015 report on the Ferguson Police Department (FPD) speaks to much of what I have been talking about.

In Ferguson, we found a community where unlawful **police** practices created an intensely charged atmosphere where people feel under siege by those charged to serve and protect them.

We determined that the FPD engages in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the United States Constitution and federal law. Specifically, we found that Ferguson PD routinely:

Conducts stops without reasonable suspicion and arrests without probable cause, in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Uses excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Unlawfully interferes with First Amendment rights, including the right to record and to protest police activity;

Impermissibly discriminates against African Americans in violation of the 14th Amendment and federal statutory law; and

Violates due process and equal protection in the operation of its Municipal Court.

We found that this unconstitutional conduct stems from the interaction of two dynamics: Ferguson's undue focus on revenue generation through policing and pervasive racial bias in the **police** department and court system.

These dynamics fostered unconstitutional practices at nearly every level of Ferguson's law enforcement system. One example: During the summer of 2012, a Ferguson officer detained a 32-year-old African-American man who had just finished playing basketball at a park. The officer approached while the man was sitting in his car, cooling off.

The car's windows appeared to be more heavily tinted than Ferguson's code allowed, so the **officer** may have had grounds to question him. But, with no apparent justification, the **officer** proceeded to escalate the situation, accusing the man of being a pedophile. He prohibited the man from using his cell phone and ordered him out of his car for a pat-down search, even though he had no reason to **suspect** that the man was **armed**. And when the man objected - citing his constitutional rights - the **police officer** drew his gun, pointed it at the man's head and arrested him on eight different counts. The arrest caused the man to lose his job.

We observed that even minor code violations can sometimes result in multiple arrests, jail time and payments that exceed the cost of the original ticket many times over.

For example, in 2007, one woman received two parking tickets that - together - totaled \$152. To date, she has paid \$550 in fines and fees to the city of Ferguson.

She's been arrested twice for having unpaid tickets and she has spent six days in jail. Yet she still - inexplicably - owes Ferguson \$541. Her story is only one of dozens of similar accounts that our investigation uncovered.

In Ferguson, we also found evidence of unlawful discrimination. African Americans make up 67 percent of the population, but from 2012 to 2014, they constituted:

85 percent of the people subject to a vehicle stop;

90 percent of people who received a citation; and

93 percent of people arrested.

And discretionary **police** actions were overwhelmingly concentrated on the black population. To take just one example, 95 percent of "manner of walking in roadway" charges - that's jaywalking - were levied against African Americans.

We found racial disparities in virtually every available metric. From 2012 to 2014, African Americans were more than twice as likely as white drivers to be searched during vehicle stops, but 26 percent less likely to be found in possession of contraband. In 88 percent of cases in which FPD documented the use of force, force was used against African Americans. In all cases in which canines were used against subjects for whom racial information is available, the subject was African-American.

The evidence of racial bias comes not only from statistics, but also from remarks made by **police** and court supervisors in disturbing email messages. The emails were incontrovertible evidence of a culture infected by racial bias.

These findings reveal that the public trust in Ferguson law enforcement and its criminal justice system, especially among African Americans, was damaged long before August 2014. When there is this level of broad community distrust, public safety suffers and the job of delivering **police** services is rendered more difficult and more dangerous.

In many ways, Ferguson is not an anomaly. We know from our work around the country that some of the same **police** and court practices that we identified in Ferguson - and the same deficit of trust between **police officers** and communities - exist in many other places. Local officials recognize this, as well. I know of several **police** chiefs around the country who have assigned the report as required reading for their **officers**. And in light of the report, cities around the country are beginning to re-examine their policing and municipal court practices. Undoubtedly, there is much more work to do, but there's also much to be hopeful about.

In many communities, thoughtful **police** and city leaders are working to re-prioritize community policing and rebuild community trust. Take Cleveland. Mayor Frank Jackson asked the Civil Rights Division to investigate the Cleveland Division of **Police** (CDP) in March 2013.

In December 2014, we announced the results of our investigation, concluding that Cleveland **officers** engage in a pattern or practice of unreasonable and unnecessary force, including deadly force such as shootings and head strikes with impact weapons. We also found that the pattern of excessive force had eroded public confidence in the **police**.

Thanks to the commitment of Mayor Jackson, **Police** Chief Calvin Williams, the city's **police** unions and community members, we entered into a negotiated reform agreement a mere five months after issuing our initial report. The agreement takes the form of a consent decree that will be independently monitored and enforceable in court.

It's a truly innovative and comprehensive agreement. It addresses **officer** needs by requiring CDP to develop an Equipment and Resource Plan to ensure that **officers** have the equipment they need - such as computers and safe vehicles - to do their jobs safely. It calls for additional training and an effective employee assistance program to give **officers** ready access to mental health and support resources.

It sets up a new Community **Police** Commission - made up of 10 civilian representatives from across the city and one member from each of the city's three **police** unions - that will work with the Division of **Police** to improve community policing, bias-free policing and transparency. Through this body, the Cleveland community will play a central role in the development of many important **polices**, including those related to use of force and search and seizure.

The agreement also calls for:

A civilian head of Internal Affairs, to ensure that internal investigations of misconduct are impartial and reliable;

Specialized training in interacting with persons in mental health crisis, and a Mental Health Response Advisory

Committee to foster relationships between the **police**, the community and mental health providers;

Revised use-of-force policies and training that will require **officers** to use de-escalation techniques, rather than force, wherever possible;

Strengthened reporting and supervision requirements, along with broad data collection; and

Many other provisions aimed at promoting public safety and building trust between the police and the community.

The Cleveland agreement reflects a commitment by the City and the Division of **Police** to work with the Cleveland community to transform this **police** agency into a model of community-oriented policing. The agreement also demonstrates that people can come together across perceived differences to realize a common vision of a safer, more just city.

Baltimore is another city in which local officials are stepping up to tackle longstanding divisions and **police**-community divisions. Last month, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake asked us to investigate the Baltimore **Police** Department for a pattern or practice of civil rights violations.

That same day, the City's **police** commissioner and **police** union released statements agreeing with the Mayor's request and welcoming our involvement. Gene Ryan, President of the Baltimore City Fraternal Order of **Police** Lodge No. 3, released a statement stating that the union intends to "fully cooperate with any investigation that has the potential to correct departmental deficiencies and improve the morale of our members . . . As the labor union that represents the nearly 3,000 active duty members of the agency, we agree with (the) Mayor on her invitation to the Department of Justice and welcome their investigation fully as we, too, have issues with many of the current policies and procedures of the department." After considering the relevant factors, we accepted the City's invitation and opened an investigation.

Wherever this investigation may lead - we don't know what we'll find, and we will never prejudge any outcome - our goal is to work with the community, public officials, law enforcement **officers** and **police** unions to help build a stronger, better Baltimore.

As events in both Cleveland and Baltimore show, the commitment of all of these local actors is essential if we are to move forward. To restore trust where it has been badly eroded. To promote healing - and address problems that are common to so many great cities across America.

I said there were two questions - what the sources of mistrust are and what we are going to do about it. The second question is hard, but we have an unprecedented opportunity now to address fundamental problems in the way communities across the country interact with **police** and with the criminal justice system more generally.

While the Civil Rights Division and others in this room and beyond have been working on policing issues for many years, the nation is paying attention because communities are demanding it. The reality is we tend to confront systemic problems only when forced to by seemingly extraordinary events.

Journalists now are doing impressive investigative reporting on excessive force, racial profiling and **police**-community relations. Universities are doing important research and analysis of these problems. And families are talking about them at the dinner table.

Importantly, the focus on policing issues is happening in a broader conversation about the need to reform our criminal justice system. There is no question, and I speak from personal experience, that 15 years ago, criminal justice reform was a lonely endeavor. Few on the Left or the Right were willing to champion its cause. Today, there is a widespread, even bipartisan, recognition that our criminal justice system needs an overhaul that it should not be the go-to answer for social problems and that mass incarceration has damaged this country in countless ways. Law enforcement leaders themselves talk about how they have become first responders for a whole host of social problems, including

homelessness, mental illness, drug dependency and school discipline.

There is now growing consensus that in too many places, the only response we have made available to these challenges is arrest and incarceration as opposed to evidence-based, alternative interventions. There is real reform taking place on these broader criminal justice issues right now.

For these reasons, we should be optimistic about this moment. The public is engaged and there is an opportunity for real progress.

What is the work ahead? At the Civil Rights Division, we have redoubled our efforts to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

We can and do prosecute individual **police officers** for intentional misconduct. In fact, we have prosecuted nearly 400 law enforcement **officers** over just the last six years for constitutional violations. This includes our joint prosecution with the Chicago U.S. Attorney's Office of former Chicago **Police** Department Commander Jon Burge in 2010 on perjury and obstruction charges, relating to the torture and abuse of detainees in the 1980s.

Criminal prosecution, however, is only one tool, and a limited one at that. We also engage in systemic reform of police departments, like in Ferguson and Cleveland. Since the start of the administration, the Division has opened 22 investigations into police departments. We have also entered into 17 agreements with law enforcement agencies, including consent decrees in New Orleans; Puerto Rico; Seattle; Portland, Oregon; Detroit; the Virgin Islands; East Haven, Connecticut; Warren, Ohio; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Los Angeles. The department currently has eight open investigations. In the majority of these investigations the Division has issued findings or technical assistance letters.

As discussed above, the Division is often invited into communities with the support of elected officials, law enforcement, **police** unions and communities. Working together with **police officers** and community members, we are helping to change the way **police** services are delivered, to reduce the use of unnecessary force and to combat the influence of racial and ethnic bias in **police** decision making. We call the last five years of our work in this area "**Police** Reform 2.0" because we learned a lot from the first 15 years of enforcement and we have incorporated lessons learned from that first decade and a half into our more recent efforts. "**Police** Reform 2.0" entails exhaustive engagement with the community through individual interviews and town hall meetings. We meet with local officials and civil rights leaders. We learn from law enforcement leaders. And we spend a lot of time speaking with line **officers and with police unions**. Too often, they tell us that they lack adequate support, training, policy guidance, supervision and even equipment to keep them safe and allow them to engage in constitutional policing that keeps them and the public safe.

Even after we announce our findings, we continue intensive engagement with all of the various stakeholders, including community leaders, line **officers and police unions** to help shape the remedies that we negotiate at arm's length with city officials. In Ferguson, we have met with several community groups and held an open community forum to learn how area residents wanted to see their **police** department and court system change. Several weeks ago, our attorneys facilitated small group discussions, standing at oversized notepads with marker in hand, taking down the groups' ideas. In our view, this is how reform starts. The stakeholders must feel investment in the remedies laid out in our agreements for them to be successful and sustainable.

Through this inclusive approach to reform, we have identified certain elements that are absolutely required to build trust and **police** legitimacy where they have eroded. For example, **police** commanders must create opportunities for line **officers** to have positive interactions, outside of the enforcement context, with individuals they may encounter as victims, witnesses or subjects.

This is a fundamental component of community policing. Departments must also commit to transparency, because the more communities know about **police** activity, the more operations can reflect community values and priorities.

Structured community engagement is vital - there are a host of models for that and I know you will be having a panel about civilian oversight. We need better research and data. There is a lot we don't know that we should, so thoughtful data collection and analysis is a priority.

There must be fair, consistent and robust internal and external systems of accountability so that **police** departments can course correct when problems are identified. Improper bias - both explicit and implicit bias - must be identified and corrected. Critically, **officers** must be given the specialized training to do their jobs consistent with community values and the professional support to cope with stress and trauma they encounter on the job. They need training to ensure de-escalation with the mentally ill and others in crisis, as well as to ensure respectful interactions with LGBTI, immigrants with language barriers and other vulnerable populations.

And procedural justice matters. Research shows that being treated fairly and respectfully matters more than the ultimate result of a person's interaction with **police**.

We build these concepts into all of our consent decrees.

Over the past three years, the Division has successfully concluded the implementation of three consent decrees, as well as a memorandum of agreement. Most recently, on May 11, 2015, the Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office announced that the Missoula, Montana, Police Department had fully implemented the requirements of its agreement with the department to improve its response to reports of sexual assault. The Missoula Police Department's successful implementation of the agreement in just two years illustrates the power of government, police and community leaders working together to create change that makes law enforcement and communities safer and stronger.

The Civil Rights Division is trying to address problems in policing from every angle. For example, our Educational Opportunities Section is working to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by intervening where school discipline practices are overly punitive and disproportionately enforced against students of color. Our Employment Litigation Section has brought suits around the country to end discrimination in **police** hiring. And our Federal Coordination and Compliance Section is working to ensure that **police** and court services are available to those with limited English proficiency.

The department, and indeed the President, are committed to these issues, as well. The President recently highlighted several initiatives designed to rebuild trust between **police** departments and the communities they serve. He received the final report from his landmark White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

He highlighted an open data project where technologists, **police** associations, and community organizations will use data and technology to reduce use of force and increase transparency, and he highlighted the recently created body worn camera toolkit. And he announced the launch of the law enforcement equipment review of federal programs that support acquisitions of equipment by state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

In March, former Attorney General Holder announced the six pilot cities for the new National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, an innovative \$4.75 million program designed to enhance procedural justice, reduce bias and support reconciliation between communities and law enforcement. Attorney General Lynch is dedicated to continuing the department's commitment to these issues. She recently launched a national tour promoting community policing and announced \$163 million in grant money available to advance the recommendations of the White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

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Department of Justice has issued the following news release:

Thank you, Steve [Edwards, Executive Director of the Institute of Politics], for inviting me here today. It's an honor to speak with you about the work of the Civil Rights Division, particularly our work to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

Eric Garner. Tamir Rice. John Crawford. Walter Scott. Freddie Gray.

These names and many others have become familiar to us under tragic circumstances in recent months.

Their deaths and those of other unarmed African-American men and women in encounters with police officers have provoked widespread responses across the country and have fueled the Black Lives Matter movement. In communities of color, in particular, the reaction has been stark and sobering.

In the seven months I have been at the Civil Rights Division, I have spent a lot of time with local leaders and community members in cities all across America, including with numerous mothers who have lost their children in **officer**-involved shootings. The pain, anger, frustration--the lack of trust in the **police**--is real, and it is profound. Again and again, people have told me that young people are losing faith in our justice system and view law enforcement as preying on them rather than protecting their loved ones. They talk about how the **police** don't value their rights, or indeed, their lives. They talk about being tired of being viewed as criminals first, human beings second.

The conversation in these rooms, however, is not about whether to have **police** or not, but about what kind of policing communities want and deserve.

There is no question that we need **police** in our communities. **Police officers** ensure the safety of our communities by patrolling neighborhoods, defending the rights of victims and deterring crime. They are our first responders in many

emergency situations. And they can be role models for our young people.

The overwhelming majority of the women and men who **police** our streets do their jobs with honor, pride and distinction. Most of these individuals are driven to the **police** academy out of a commitment to public service and a desire to make an impact in their communities. As we are reminded by the senseless and tragic assassinations of New York **Police** Department (NYPD) Detectives Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu in December, the shooting of two **officers** in Ferguson in March, and the tragic injuries inflicted on **officers** in Baltimore a few weeks ago, **officers** do all of this at considerable risk to themselves.

I am struck everywhere I go by the wide gap in empathy and common language to discuss these problems. Because in the very same cities and rooms where I speak with folks in the community, I hear from law enforcement who emphasize their responsibility to enforce the law and how they are doing the best job they can. They feel attacked and undervalued. They talk about how the actions of a few bad actors have tarnished the whole profession. They talk about the fact that department budgets have been slashed over the last several years, resulting in drastic cuts for community policing and neighborhood patrols. They point out that they are constantly making split second decisions and people don't account for the thousands of times situations don't escalate. They talk about how the daily stress of their jobs takes a toll. And they are right about all of this.

Despite these divergent themes, there is one commonality in all rooms I am in. And that is that everyone agrees that we are confronting grave challenges when it comes to the erosion of trust between **police** and the communities they serve throughout the United States. The level of mistrust and resentment is unsettling. Some, including NYPD Commissioner William Bratton, call it a "crisis."

The consequences of distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve can be devastating. Where people perceive the criminal justice system to be arbitrary, biased and unfair, they are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement, making us all less safe. The distrust and alienation experienced in some communities can build into a powder keg of resentment, ready to be ignited by a single tragic incident. We have seen this over and over--in Watts in 1965, in Los Angeles in 1992 and most recently, in Ferguson in 2014.

It's worth asking, first, how did we get here? And second, what are we going to do about it?

Let's start with the first question and consider the source of the mistrust. Mistrust can't be explained away as the kneejerk reaction of the ill-informed or the hyperbolic. It has many sources. For some people, it's in part the product of historical awareness about the role that **police** played, as Commissioner Bratton recently told a group of **officers**, in "slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow, lynchings, blockbusting." FBI Director James Comey has likewise noted, "At many points in American history, law enforcement enforced the status quo, a status quo that was often brutally unfair to disfavored groups." As Commissioner Bratton explained, this history has an enduring effect. "None of us did these things," he told his audience of **officers.** "None of us were troopers on the bridge at Selma. But it doesn't matter that these things happened before many of us were even born. What matters is that our history follows us like a second shadow."

The mistrust is also the product of lived experience, of negative interactions that individuals - or their family members, friends or neighbors - have had with law enforcement. Something as quietly humiliating as being mistreated during a traffic stop, or being followed in a retail store. These stories can circulate through a neighborhood - or these days, across the nation via the web and social media - and they can build up over time into a painful narrative that divides community members and police.

The lack of trust also undeniably results from our criminal justice policies over the last few decades, and the concentrated impact they have had on communities of color and people living in poverty. Law enforcement practices such as the stopping and frisking of young black men based on stereotypes. Sentencing policies that result in mass incarceration, particularly of people of color. And the devastating consequences that convictions have had on

individuals' ability to find work, secure stable housing and reintegrate as full members of society. We bear the responsibility to confront these consequences and reevaluate our approach to criminal justice.

The Civil Rights Division's investigation and March 2015 report on the Ferguson Police Department (FPD) speaks to much of what I have been talking about.

In Ferguson, we found a community where unlawful **police** practices created an intensely charged atmosphere where people feel under siege by those charged to serve and protect them.

We determined that the FPD engages in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the United States Constitution and federal law. Specifically, we found that Ferguson PD routinely:

Conducts stops without reasonable suspicion and arrests without probable cause, in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Uses excessive force in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Unlawfully interferes with First Amendment rights, including the right to record and to protest police activity;

Impermissibly discriminates against African Americans in violation of the 14th Amendment and federal statutory law; and

Violates due process and equal protection in the operation of its Municipal Court.

We found that this unconstitutional conduct stems from the interaction of two dynamics: Ferguson's undue focus on revenue generation through policing and pervasive racial bias in the **police** department and court system.

These dynamics fostered unconstitutional practices at nearly every level of Ferguson's law enforcement system. One example: During the summer of 2012, a Ferguson officer detained a 32-year-old African-American man who had just finished playing basketball at a park. The officer approached while the man was sitting in his car, cooling off.

The car's windows appeared to be more heavily tinted than Ferguson's code allowed, so the **officer** may have had grounds to question him. But, with no apparent justification, the **officer** proceeded to escalate the situation, accusing the man of being a pedophile. He prohibited the man from using his cell phone and ordered him out of his car for a pat-down search, even though he had no reason to **suspect** that the man was **armed**. And when the man objected citing his constitutional rights - the **police officer** drew his gun, pointed it at the man's head and arrested him on eight different counts. The arrest caused the man to lose his job.

We observed that even minor code violations can sometimes result in multiple arrests, jail time and payments that exceed the cost of the original ticket many times over.

For example, in 2007, one woman received two parking tickets that - together - totaled \$152. To date, she has paid \$550 in fines and fees to the city of Ferguson.

She's been arrested twice for having unpaid tickets and she has spent six days in jail. Yet she still - inexplicably - owes Ferguson \$541. Her story is only one of dozens of similar accounts that our investigation uncovered.

In Ferguson, we also found evidence of unlawful discrimination. African Americans make up 67 percent of the population, but from 2012 to 2014, they constituted:

85 percent of the people subject to a vehicle stop;

90 percent of people who received a citation; and

93 percent of people arrested.

And discretionary **police** actions were overwhelmingly concentrated on the black population. To take just one example, 95 percent of "manner of walking in roadway" charges - that's jaywalking - were levied against African Americans.

We found racial disparities in virtually every available metric. From 2012 to 2014, African Americans were more than twice as likely as white drivers to be searched during vehicle stops, but 26 percent less likely to be found in possession of contraband. In 88 percent of cases in which FPD documented the use of force, force was used against African Americans. In all cases in which canines were used against subjects for whom racial information is available, the subject was African-American.

The evidence of racial bias comes not only from statistics, but also from remarks made by **police** and court supervisors in disturbing email messages. The emails were incontrovertible evidence of a culture infected by racial bias.

These findings reveal that the public trust in Ferguson law enforcement and its criminal justice system, especially among African Americans, was damaged long before August 2014. When there is this level of broad community distrust, public safety suffers and the job of delivering **police** services is rendered more difficult and more dangerous.

In many ways, Ferguson is not an anomaly. We know from our work around the country that some of the same **police** and court practices that we identified in Ferguson - and the same deficit of trust between **police officers** and communities - exist in many other places. Local officials recognize this, as well. I know of several **police** chiefs around the country who have assigned the report as required reading for their **officers**. And in light of the report, cities around the country are beginning to re-examine their policing and municipal court practices. Undoubtedly, there is much more work to do, but there's also much to be hopeful about.

In many communities, thoughtful **police** and city leaders are working to re-prioritize community policing and rebuild community trust. Take Cleveland. Mayor Frank Jackson asked the Civil Rights Division to investigate the Cleveland Division of **Police** (CDP) in March 2013.

In December 2014, we announced the results of our investigation, concluding that Cleveland **officers** engage in a pattern or practice of unreasonable and unnecessary force, including deadly force such as shootings and head strikes with impact weapons. We also found that the pattern of excessive force had eroded public confidence in the **police.**

Thanks to the commitment of Mayor Jackson, **Police** Chief Calvin Williams, the city's **police** unions and community members, we entered into a negotiated reform agreement a mere five months after issuing our initial report. The agreement takes the form of a consent decree that will be independently monitored and enforceable in court.

It's a truly innovative and comprehensive agreement. It addresses **officer** needs by requiring CDP to develop an Equipment and Resource Plan to ensure that **officers** have the equipment they need - such as computers and safe vehicles - to do their jobs safely. It calls for additional training and an effective employee assistance program to give **officers** ready access to mental health and support resources.

It sets up a new Community **Police** Commission - made up of 10 civilian representatives from across the city and one member from each of the city's three **police** unions - that will work with the Division of **Police** to improve community policing, bias-free policing and transparency. Through this body, the Cleveland community will play a central role in the development of many important **polices**, including those related to use of force and search and seizure.

The agreement also calls for:

A civilian head of Internal Affairs, to ensure that internal investigations of misconduct are impartial and reliable;

Specialized training in interacting with persons in mental health crisis, and a Mental Health Response Advisory

Committee to foster relationships between the **police**, the community and mental health providers;

Revised use-of-force policies and training that will require **officers** to use de-escalation techniques, rather than force, wherever possible;

Strengthened reporting and supervision requirements, along with broad data collection; and

Many other provisions aimed at promoting public safety and building trust between the police and the community.

The Cleveland agreement reflects a commitment by the City and the Division of **Police** to work with the Cleveland community to transform this **police** agency into a model of community-oriented policing. The agreement also demonstrates that people can come together across perceived differences to realize a common vision of a safer, more just city.

Baltimore is another city in which local officials are stepping up to tackle longstanding divisions and **police**-community divisions. Last month, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake asked us to investigate the Baltimore **Police** Department for a pattern or practice of civil rights violations.

That same day, the City's **police** commissioner and **police** union released statements agreeing with the Mayor's request and welcoming our involvement. Gene Ryan, President of the Baltimore City Fraternal Order of **Police** Lodge No. 3, released a statement stating that the union intends to "fully cooperate with any investigation that has the potential to correct departmental deficiencies and improve the morale of our members . . . As the labor union that represents the nearly 3,000 active duty members of the agency, we agree with (the) Mayor on her invitation to the Department of Justice and welcome their investigation fully as we, too, have issues with many of the current policies and procedures of the department." After considering the relevant factors, we accepted the City's invitation and opened an investigation.

Wherever this investigation may lead - we don't know what we'll find, and we will never prejudge any outcome - our goal is to work with the community, public officials, law enforcement **officers** and **police** unions to help build a stronger, better Baltimore.

As events in both Cleveland and Baltimore show, the commitment of all of these local actors is essential if we are to move forward. To restore trust where it has been badly eroded. To promote healing - and address problems that are common to so many great cities across America.

I said there were two questions - what the sources of mistrust are and what we are going to do about it. The second question is hard, but we have an unprecedented opportunity now to address fundamental problems in the way communities across the country interact with **police** and with the criminal justice system more generally.

While the Civil Rights Division and others in this room and beyond have been working on policing issues for many years, the nation is paying attention because communities are demanding it. The reality is we tend to confront systemic problems only when forced to by seemingly extraordinary events.

Journalists now are doing impressive investigative reporting on excessive force, racial profiling and **police**-community relations. Universities are doing important research and analysis of these problems. And families are talking about them at the dinner table.

Importantly, the focus on policing issues is happening in a broader conversation about the need to reform our criminal justice system. There is no question, and I speak from personal experience, that 15 years ago, criminal justice reform was a lonely endeavor. Few on the Left or the Right were willing to champion its cause. Today, there is a widespread, even bipartisan, recognition that our criminal justice system needs an overhaul that it should not be the go-to answer for social problems and that mass incarceration has damaged this country in countless ways. Law enforcement leaders themselves talk about how they have become first responders for a whole host of social problems, including

homelessness, mental illness, drug dependency and school discipline.

There is now growing consensus that in too many places, the only response we have made available to these challenges is arrest and incarceration as opposed to evidence-based, alternative interventions. There is real reform taking place on these broader criminal justice issues right now.

For these reasons, we should be optimistic about this moment. The public is engaged and there is an opportunity for real progress.

What is the work ahead? At the Civil Rights Division, we have redoubled our efforts to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

We can and do prosecute individual **police officers** for intentional misconduct. In fact, we have prosecuted nearly 400 law enforcement **officers** over just the last six years for constitutional violations. This includes our joint prosecution with the Chicago U.S. Attorney's Office of former Chicago **Police** Department Commander Jon Burge in 2010 on perjury and obstruction charges, relating to the torture and abuse of detainees in the 1980s.

Criminal prosecution, however, is only one tool, and a limited one at that. We also engage in systemic reform of **police** departments, like in Ferguson and Cleveland. Since the start of the administration, the Division has opened 22 investigations into **police** departments. We have also entered into 17 agreements with law enforcement agencies, including consent decrees in New Orleans; Puerto Rico; Seattle; Portland, Oregon; Detroit; the Virgin Islands; East Haven, Connecticut; Warren, Ohio; Albuquerque, New Mexico; and Los Angeles. The department currently has eight open investigations. In the majority of these investigations the Division has issued findings or technical assistance letters.

As discussed above, the Division is often invited into communities with the support of elected officials, law enforcement, **police** unions and communities. Working together with **police officers** and community members, we are helping to change the way **police** services are delivered, to reduce the use of unnecessary force and to combat the influence of racial and ethnic bias in **police** decision making. We call the last five years of our work in this area "**Police** Reform 2.0" because we learned a lot from the first 15 years of enforcement and we have incorporated lessons learned from that first decade and a half into our more recent efforts. "**Police** Reform 2.0" entails exhaustive engagement with the community through individual interviews and town hall meetings. We meet with local officials and civil rights leaders. We learn from law enforcement leaders. And we spend a lot of time speaking with line **officers and with police unions**. Too often, they tell us that they lack adequate support, training, policy guidance, supervision and even equipment to keep them safe and allow them to engage in constitutional policing that keeps them and the public safe.

Even after we announce our findings, we continue intensive engagement with all of the various stakeholders, including community leaders, line **officers and police unions** to help shape the remedies that we negotiate at arm's length with city officials. In Ferguson, we have met with several community groups and held an open community forum to learn how area residents wanted to see their **police** department and court system change. Several weeks ago, our attorneys facilitated small group discussions, standing at oversized notepads with marker in hand, taking down the groups' ideas. In our view, this is how reform starts. The stakeholders must feel investment in the remedies laid out in our agreements for them to be successful and sustainable.

Through this inclusive approach to reform, we have identified certain elements that are absolutely required to build trust and **police** legitimacy where they have eroded. For example, **police** commanders must create opportunities for line **officers** to have positive interactions, outside of the enforcement context, with individuals they may encounter as victims, witnesses or subjects.

This is a fundamental component of community policing. Departments must also commit to transparency, because the more communities know about **police** activity, the more operations can reflect community values and priorities.

Structured community engagement is vital - there are a host of models for that and I know you will be having a panel about civilian oversight. We need better research and data. There is a lot we don't know that we should, so thoughtful data collection and analysis is a priority.

There must be fair, consistent and robust internal and external systems of accountability so that **police** departments can course correct when problems are identified. Improper bias - both explicit and implicit bias - must be identified and corrected. Critically, **officers** must be given the specialized training to do their jobs consistent with community values and the professional support to cope with stress and trauma they encounter on the job. They need training to ensure de-escalation with the mentally ill and others in crisis, as well as to ensure respectful interactions with LGBTI, immigrants with language barriers and other vulnerable populations.

And procedural justice matters. Research shows that being treated fairly and respectfully matters more than the ultimate result of a person's interaction with **police**.

We build these concepts into all of our consent decrees.

Over the past three years, the Division has successfully concluded the implementation of three consent decrees, as well as a memorandum of agreement. Most recently, on May 11, 2015, the Division and the U.S. Attorney's Office announced that the Missoula, Montana, Police Department had fully implemented the requirements of its agreement with the department to improve its response to reports of sexual assault. The Missoula Police Department's successful implementation of the agreement in just two years illustrates the power of government, police and community leaders working together to create change that makes law enforcement and communities safer and stronger.

The Civil Rights Division is trying to address problems in policing from every angle. For example, our Educational Opportunities Section is working to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by intervening where school discipline practices are overly punitive and disproportionately enforced against students of color. Our Employment Litigation Section has brought suits around the country to end discrimination in **police** hiring. And our Federal Coordination and Compliance Section is working to ensure that **police** and court services are available to those with limited English proficiency.

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Social change has brought blacks into **police** forces around the country â[#x20ac]" but that hasn't solved the problem of excessive force being used against African-Americans

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A car backfires in the streets of Cleveland, Ohio. Nearby **police** think it's gunfire. Thus begins the November 2012 chase. Sixty **police** cruisers race at 160 kilometres per hour for more than 20 minutes until they corner the car. **Police** fire 137 rounds. One white **officer**, Michael Brelo, jumps on the hood and fires his Glock 17 pistol 49 times at driver Timothy Russell and passenger Malissa Williams â[#x20ac]" unarmed African-Americans with **police** records. Both are killed.

No one knows for sure how many civilians are killed every year by US **police** or die in **police** custody. The website Killed by **Police** has logged 474 **deaths** so far this year, an average of three per day so far in 2015.

The Washington Post last month examined 385 **deaths** by **police** gunshot and found 80 per cent of the **victims had** been armed with lethal weapons. Half were white, half black. Sixteen per cent $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " or 62 of the dead $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " were unarmed people, two-thirds of them black or Hispanics.

Blacks make up only 13 per cent of the US population.

Nearly a year since the **police** killings of two unarmed black males $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " Eric Garner in New York City in July, and teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in August $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " questions about excessive use of force by **police** and racial bias have provoked not only angry riots over Brown's and other killings but also soul-searching in the **police** community.

"Sometimes it seems like our young **officers** want to get into an athletic event with people they want to arrest," said Dallas, Texas, **police** chief David Brown, an African-American, at a recent symposium of **police** chiefs organised by the **Police** Executive Research Forum (PERF).

'Don't retreat' mentality

"They have a 'don't retreat' mentality. They feel like they're warriors, and they can't back down when someone is running from them, no matter how minor the underlying crime is," he said.

Over decades, the US Supreme Court has reduced **police** authority.

Police must now inform suspects of their right to an attorney before questioning, and may not use deadly force in a chase unless the suspect threatens "death or serious physical injury to the officer or others".

These days, bystanders with cell phone cameras, the post-9/11expansion of security cameras and social media have created a new round of scrutiny on how **police** behave.

Last year in Canada, which also grapples with the issue, 22 cameras filmed the actions of a Toronto **police officer** as he used three shots to down a mentally disturbed, knife-wielding Syrian man â[#x20ac]" then fired another six shots into the prone body.

Police advocates worry that the high profile films, protests and riots after the killing of Brown, Freddie Gray in Baltimore, Garner and others have demonised **police** and threatened their lives.

Police being targeted

At least 54 **officers** have died in the course of duty this year so far, and at least five are believed to have been targeted killings.

Eugene O'Donnell, an ex-New York **police officer** and professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York, condemned the "great smearing" of **police** in his tribute to a New York **officer** recently felled by assault.

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Social change has brought blacks into **police** forces around the country â[#x20ac]" but that hasn't solved the problem of excessive force being used against African-Americans

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A car backfires in the streets of Cleveland, Ohio. Nearby **police** think it's gunfire. Thus begins the November 2012 chase. Sixty **police** cruisers race at 160 kilometres per hour for more than 20 minutes until they corner the car. **Police** fire 137 rounds. One white **officer**, Michael Brelo, jumps on the hood and fires his Glock 17 pistol 49 times at driver Timothy Russell and passenger Malissa Williams â[#x20ac]" unarmed African-Americans with **police** records. Both are killed.

No one knows for sure how many civilians are killed every year by US **police** or die in **police** custody. The website Killed by **Police** has logged 474 **deaths** so far this year, an average of three per day so far in 2015.

The Washington Post last month examined 385 **deaths** by **police** gunshot and found 80 per cent of the **victims had been armed** with lethal weapons. Half were white, half black. Sixteen per cent $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " or 62 of the dead $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " were unarmed people, two-thirds of them black or Hispanics.

Blacks make up only 13 per cent of the US population.

Nearly a year since the **police** killings of two unarmed black males $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " Eric Garner in New York City in July, and teenager Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri in August $\hat{a}[\#x20ac]$ " questions about excessive use of force by **police** and racial bias have provoked not only angry riots over Brown's and other killings but also soul-searching in the **police** community.

"Sometimes it seems like our young **officers** want to get into an athletic event with people they want to arrest," said Dallas, Texas, **police** chief David Brown, an African-American, at a recent symposium of **police** chiefs organised by the **Police** Executive Research Forum (PERF).

'Don't retreat' mentality

"They have a 'don't retreat' mentality. They feel like they're warriors, and they can't back down when someone is running from them, no matter how minor the underlying crime is," he said.

Over decades, the US Supreme Court has reduced **police** authority.

Police must now inform suspects of their right to an attorney before questioning, and may not use deadly force in a chase unless the suspect threatens "death or serious physical injury to the officer or others".

These days, bystanders with cell phone cameras, the post-9/11expansion of security cameras and social media have created a new round of scrutiny on how **police** behave.

Last year in Canada, which also grapples with the issue, 22 cameras filmed the actions of a Toronto **police officer** as he used three shots to down a mentally disturbed, knife-wielding Syrian man â[#x20ac]" then fired another six shots into the prone body.

Police advocates worry that the high profile films, protests and riots after the killing of Brown, Freddie Gray in Baltimore, Garner and others have demonised **police** and threatened their lives.

Police being targeted

At least 54 **officers** have died in the course of duty this year so far, and at least five are believed to have been targeted killings.

Eugene O'Donnell, an ex-New York **police officer** and professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice at the City University of New York, condemned the "great smearing" of **police** in his tribute to a New York **officer** recently felled by assault.

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US Department of Justice, The Government of USA has issued the following news release:

Thank you to Constance Talmage, John Walsh and the Colorado Lawyers Committee for inviting me here today. It's an honor to speak with you today about the work of the Civil Rights Division, particularly our work to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

Eric Garner. Michael Brown. Tamir Rice. John Crawford. Walter Scott. Freddie Gray.

These names and many others have become familiar to us under tragic circumstances in recent months. Their **deaths** and those of other unarmed African American men and women in encounters with **police officers**, have provoked widespread responses across the country and have fueled the Black Lives Matter movement. In communities of color, in particular, the reaction has been stark and sobering.

In the seven months I have been at the Civil Rights Division, I have spent a lot of time with local leaders and community members in cities all across America, including with numerous mothers who have lost their children in **officer**-involved shootings. The pain, anger, frustration--the lack of trust in the **police**--is real, and it is profound. Again and again, people have told me that young people are losing faith in our justice system and view law enforcement as preying on them rather than protecting their loved ones. They talk about how the **police** don't value their rights, or indeed, their lives. They talk about being tired of being viewed as criminals first, human beings second.

The conversation in these rooms, however, is not about whether to have **police** or not but about what kind of policing communities want and deserve.

There is no question that we need **police** in our communities. **Police officers** ensure the safety of our communities by patrolling neighborhoods, defending the rights of victims and deterring crime. They are our first responders in many

emergency situations.

The overwhelming majority of the women and men who **police** our streets do their jobs with honor, pride and distinction. Most of these individuals are driven to the **police** academy out of a commitment to public service and a desire to make an impact in their communities. As the senseless and tragic assassinations of NYPD **Officers** Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu this spring, the shooting of two **officers** in Ferguson in March and the tragic injuries inflicted on **officers** in Baltimore a few weeks ago, remind us, **officers** do all of this at considerable risk to themselves.

I am struck everywhere I go by the wide gap in empathy and common language to discuss these problems. Because in the very same cities and rooms where I speak with folks in the community, I hear from law enforcement who emphasize their responsibility to enforce the law and how they are doing the best job they can. They feel attacked and undervalued. They talk about how the actions of a few bad actors have tarnished the whole profession. They talk about the fact that department budgets have been slashed over the last several years, resulting in drastic cuts for community policing and neighborhood patrols. They talk about how they are constantly making split second decisions and people don't account for the thousands of times situations don't escalate and how the daily stress of their jobs take a toll.

But there is one certain commonality in all rooms I am in. And that is that everyone agrees that we are confronting grave challenges when it comes to the erosion of trust between **police** and the communities they serve throughout the United States. The level of mistrust and resentment is unsettling. Some, including NYPD Commissioner William Bratton, call it a "crisis in American policing."

The consequences of distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve can be devastating. Where people perceive the criminal justice system to be arbitrary, biased and unfair, they are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement, making us all less safe. The distrust and alienation experienced in some communities can build into a powder keg of resentment, ready to be ignited by a single tragic incident. We have seen this over and over--in Watts in 1965, in Los Angeles in 1992 and most recently, in Ferguson in 2014.

It's worth asking, first, how did we get here? And second, what are we going to do about it?

Let's start with the first question and consider the source of the mistrust. Mistrust can't be explained away as the kneejerk reaction of the ill-informed or the hyperbolic. It's in part the product of historical awareness about the role that **police** have played in enforcing and perpetuating slavery, the Black Codes, lynchings and Jim Crow segregation. As FBI Director James Comey noted, "At many points in American history, law enforcement enforced the status quo, a status quo that was often brutally unfair to disfavored groups."

It is also the product of lived experience, of negative interactions that individuals -- or their family members, friends, or neighbors -- have had with law enforcement. Something as quietly humiliating as being mistreated during a traffic stop, or being followed in a retail store. These stories can circulate through a neighborhood -- or these days, across the nation via the web and social media -- and they can build up over time into a painful narrative that divides community members and police.

The lack of trust also undeniably results from our criminal justice policies over the last few decades, and the concentrated impact they have had on communities of color and people living in poverty. Law enforcement practices such as the stopping and frisking of young black men based on stereotypes. Sentencing policies that result in mass incarceration, particularly of people of color. And the devastating consequences that convictions have had on individuals' ability to find work, secure stable housing and reintegrate as full members of society. These are deliberate policy choices that we made over the last several decades. We bear the responsibility to confront their consequences.

The Civil Rights Division's investigation and recently released report on the Ferguson **Police** Department speaks to all of what I have been talking about.

In Ferguson, we found a community where unlawful police practices have not only severely undermined the public trust

and made local residents less safe - but created an intensely charged atmosphere where people feel under siege by those charged to serve and protect them.

We determined that the FPD engages in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the United States Constitution and federal law. Specifically, we found that Ferguson PD routinely:

Conducts stops without reasonable suspicion and arrests without probable cause, in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Uses unreasonable force in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Unlawfully interferes with First Amendment rights, including the right to record and to protest police activity;

Impermissibly discriminates against African Americans in violation of the 14th Amendment and federal statutory law; and

Violates due process and equal protection in the operation of its Municipal Court.

We found that this unconstitutional conduct stems from the interaction of two dynamics: Ferguson's undue focus on revenue generation through policing and pervasive racial bias in the **police** department and court system.

These dynamics fostered unconstitutional practices at nearly every level of Ferguson's law enforcement system. One example: During the summer of 2012, a Ferguson **officer** detained a 32-year-old African American man who had just finished playing basketball at a park. The **officer** approached while the man was sitting in his car, cooling off. The car's windows appeared to be more heavily tinted than Ferguson's code allowed, so the **officer** may have had grounds to question him. But, with no apparent justification, the **officer** proceeded to escalate the situation, accusing the man of being a pedophile. He prohibited the man from using his cell phone and ordered him out of his car for a pat-down search, even though he had no reason to **suspect** that the man was **armed**. And when the man objected - citing his constitutional rights - the **police officer** drew his gun, pointed it at the man's head and arrested him on eight different counts. The arrest caused the man to lose his job.

We observed that even minor code violations can sometimes result in multiple arrests, jail time and payments that exceed the cost of the original ticket many times over.

For example, in 2007, one woman received two parking tickets that - together - totaled \$152. To date, she has paid \$550 in fines and fees to the city of Ferguson. She's been arrested twice for having unpaid tickets and she has spent six days in jail. Yet she still - inexplicably - owes Ferguson \$541. Her story is only one of dozens of similar accounts that our investigation uncovered.

By exposing the harm that the Ferguson court system causes, our findings report contributes to a growing understanding of a significant problem in our criminal justice system: the economic exploitation of the poor. The use of modern-day debtors' prisons, the outsourcing of supervision to private probation companies, the imposition of fees on defendants to avail themselves of court-appointed attorneys and the right to a jury trial--these are dangerous trends that should concern us all.

In Ferguson, we also found evidence of unlawful discrimination. African Americans make up 67% of the population, but from 2012 to 2014, they constituted:

85% of the people subject to a vehicle stop;

90% of people who received a citation; and

93% of people arrested.

And discretionary **police** actions were overwhelmingly concentrated on the black population. To take just one example, 95% of "manner of walking in roadway" charges--that's jaywalking--were levied against African Americans.

We found racial disparities in virtually every available metric. From 2012 to 2014, African Americans were more than twice as likely as white drivers to be searched during vehicle stops, but 26% less likely to be found in possession of contraband. In 88% of cases in which FPD documented the use of force, force was used against African Americans. In all cases in which canines were used against subjects for whom racial information is available, the subject was African American.

The evidence of racial bias comes not only from statistics, but also from remarks made by **police**, city and court officials. Some of you may be aware of the emails we discovered during our investigation. The emails were incontrovertible evidence of a culture that tolerated and perhaps even celebrated racial bias.

These findings reveal that the public trust in Ferguson law enforcement and its criminal justice system, especially among African Americans, was damaged long before August 2014. When there is this level of broad community distrust, public safety suffers and the job of delivering **police** services is rendered more difficult and more dangerous.

Although we do not know what we will uncover in future investigations - and will never prejudge any outcome - in the weeks ahead, we pledge to bring the same rigor, the same fairness and the same impartiality to Baltimore, where the Division has launched a civil investigation into the Baltimore **Police** Department.

Wherever this investigation may lead, our goal is to work with the community, public officials and law enforcement to help build a stronger, better Baltimore. To restore trust where it has been badly eroded. To promote healing - and address problems that are common to so many great cities across America.

In many ways, Ferguson is not an anomaly. Through our work around the country, we know there are similar **police** and court practices in many places. I also know of several **police** chiefs around the country that assigned the report as required reading for their **officers**. We are already seeing the force multiplying effect of the report. In the days subsequent to the issuance of our report, cities around the country are beginning to re-examine their policing and municipal court practices, though we know there is much more work to do.

I said there were two questions--what the sources of mistrust are and what we are going to do about it. The second question is hard but we have an unprecedented opportunity now to address fundamental problems in the way communities across the country interact with **police** and with the criminal justice system more generally.

While the Civil Rights Division and others in this room and beyond have been working on policing issues for many years, the nation is paying attention because communities are demanding it. The reality is we tend to confront systemic problems only when forced to by seemingly extraordinary events. Journalists now are doing impressive investigative reporting on excessive force, racial profiling and **police**-community relations. Universities are doing important research and analysis of these problems. And families are talking about them at the dinner table.

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Before I leave, let me be clear about something: We can accomplish the sweeping reform I have discussed. In Portland, Oregon, for example, two and a half years after we identified an institutional pattern of excessive force against people with mental illness, **police officers** are being retrained, accountability measures implemented and the incidence of using force has dropped dramatically. And right next door in East Haven, Connecticut, residents are seeing transformative change in their **police** department just two years after the entry of a consent decree with the Justice Department. There is reason to be optimistic and believe that we can achieve reform that will keep individuals, communities and **police** safe and ensure that communities have fair, impartial and constitutional policing.

There is undoubtedly much work to be done but law enforcement and communities alike feel the urgency right now. The commitment of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Attorneys and the Justice Department is part of this work, as is commitment by attorneys and local bar associations. Criminal justice reform at legislatures and city councils is part of this work. Strong law enforcement leadership throughout the country is part of this work. And the hard, authentic dialogue in communities all over the country with law enforcement is part of the work.

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There is no problem too intractable or impossible for people committed to justice. Justice requires hope and hard, persistent work. We cannot sit idly by and hope that the public attention these issues are receiving will diminish, because they won't, or at least not for long. And so I thank you for your work and for your commitment to justice. Thank you.

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There is no question that we need **police** in our communities. **Police officers** ensure the safety of our communities by patrolling neighborhoods, defending the rights of victims and deterring crime. They are our first responders in many

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I am struck everywhere I go by the wide gap in empathy and common language to discuss these problems. Because in the very same cities and rooms where I speak with folks in the community, I hear from law enforcement who emphasize their responsibility to enforce the law and how they are doing the best job they can. They feel attacked and undervalued. They talk about how the actions of a few bad actors have tarnished the whole profession. They talk about the fact that department budgets have been slashed over the last several years, resulting in drastic cuts for community policing and neighborhood patrols. They talk about how they are constantly making split second decisions and people don't account for the thousands of times situations don't escalate and how the daily stress of their jobs take a toll.

But there is one certain commonality in all rooms I am in. And that is that everyone agrees that we are confronting grave challenges when it comes to the erosion of trust between **police** and the communities they serve throughout the United States. The level of mistrust and resentment is unsettling. Some, including NYPD Commissioner William Bratton, call it a "crisis in American policing."

The consequences of distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve can be devastating. Where people perceive the criminal justice system to be arbitrary, biased and unfair, they are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement, making us all less safe. The distrust and alienation experienced in some communities can build into a powder keg of resentment, ready to be ignited by a single tragic incident. We have seen this over and over--in Watts in 1965, in Los Angeles in 1992 and most recently, in Ferguson in 2014.

It's worth asking, first, how did we get here? And second, what are we going to do about it?

Let's start with the first question and consider the source of the mistrust. Mistrust can't be explained away as the kneejerk reaction of the ill-informed or the hyperbolic. It's in part the product of historical awareness about the role that police have played in enforcing and perpetuating slavery, the Black Codes, lynchings and Jim Crow segregation. As FBI Director James Comey noted, "At many points in American history, law enforcement enforced the status quo, a status quo that was often brutally unfair to disfavored groups."

It is also the product of lived experience, of negative interactions that individuals -- or their family members, friends, or neighbors -- have had with law enforcement. Something as quietly humiliating as being mistreated during a traffic stop, or being followed in a retail store. These stories can circulate through a neighborhood -- or these days, across the nation via the web and social media -- and they can build up over time into a painful narrative that divides community members and police.

The lack of trust also undeniably results from our criminal justice policies over the last few decades, and the concentrated impact they have had on communities of color and people living in poverty. Law enforcement practices such as the stopping and frisking of young black men based on stereotypes. Sentencing policies that result in mass incarceration, particularly of people of color. And the devastating consequences that convictions have had on individuals' ability to find work, secure stable housing and reintegrate as full members of society. These are deliberate policy choices that we made over the last several decades. We bear the responsibility to confront their consequences.

The Civil Rights Division's investigation and recently released report on the Ferguson Police Department speaks to all of what I have been talking about.

In Ferguson, we found a community where unlawful police practices have not only severely undermined the public trust

and made local residents less safe - but created an intensely charged atmosphere where people feel under siege by those charged to serve and protect them.

We determined that the FPD engages in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the United States Constitution and federal law. Specifically, we found that Ferguson PD routinely:

Conducts stops without reasonable suspicion and arrests without probable cause, in violation of the Fourth Amendment:

Uses unreasonable force in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Unlawfully interferes with First Amendment rights, including the right to record and to protest police activity;

Impermissibly discriminates against African Americans in violation of the 14th Amendment and federal statutory law; and

Violates due process and equal protection in the operation of its Municipal Court.

We found that this unconstitutional conduct stems from the interaction of two dynamics: Ferguson's undue focus on revenue generation through policing and pervasive racial bias in the **police** department and court system.

These dynamics fostered unconstitutional practices at nearly every level of Ferguson's law enforcement system. One example: During the summer of 2012, a Ferguson officer detained a 32-year-old African American man who had just finished playing basketball at a park. The officer approached while the man was sitting in his car, cooling off. The car's windows appeared to be more heavily tinted than Ferguson's code allowed, so the officer may have had grounds to question him. But, with no apparent justification, the officer proceeded to escalate the situation, accusing the man of being a pedophile. He prohibited the man from using his cell phone and ordered him out of his car for a pat-down search, even though he had no reason to suspect that the man was armed. And when the man objected - citing his constitutional rights - the police officer drew his gun, pointed it at the man's head and arrested him on eight different counts. The arrest caused the man to lose his job.

We observed that even minor code violations can sometimes result in multiple arrests, jail time and payments that exceed the cost of the original ticket many times over.

For example, in 2007, one woman received two parking tickets that - together - totaled \$152. To date, she has paid \$550 in fines and fees to the city of Ferguson. She's been arrested twice for having unpaid tickets and she has spent six days in jail. Yet she still - inexplicably - owes Ferguson \$541. Her story is only one of dozens of similar accounts that our investigation uncovered.

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Thank you to Constance Talmage, John Walsh and the Colorado Lawyers Committee for inviting me here today. It's an honor to speak with you today about the work of the Civil Rights Division, particularly our work to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

Eric Garner. Michael Brown. Tamir Rice. John Crawford. Walter Scott. Freddie Gray.

These names and many others have become familiar to us under tragic circumstances in recent months. Their **deaths** and those of other unarmed African American men and women in encounters with **police officers**, have provoked widespread responses across the country and have fueled the Black Lives Matter movement. In communities of color, in particular, the reaction has been stark and sobering.

In the seven months I have been at the Civil Rights Division, I have spent a lot of time with local leaders and community members in cities all across America, including with numerous mothers who have lost their children in **officer**-involved shootings. The pain, anger, frustration--the lack of trust in the **police**--is real, and it is profound. Again and again, people have told me that young people are losing faith in our justice system and view law enforcement as preying on them rather than protecting their loved ones. They talk about how the **police** don't value their rights, or indeed, their lives. They talk about being tired of being viewed as criminals first, human beings second.

The conversation in these rooms, however, is not about whether to have **police** or not but about what kind of policing communities want and deserve.

There is no question that we need **police** in our communities. **Police officers** ensure the safety of our communities by patrolling neighborhoods, defending the rights of victims and deterring crime. They are our first responders in many

emergency situations.

The overwhelming majority of the women and men who **police** our streets do their jobs with honor, pride and distinction. Most of these individuals are driven to the **police** academy out of a commitment to public service and a desire to make an impact in their communities. As the senseless and tragic assassinations of NYPD **Officers** Rafael Ramos and Wenjian Liu this spring, the shooting of two **officers** in Ferguson in March and the tragic injuries inflicted on **officers** in Baltimore a few weeks ago, remind us, **officers** do all of this at considerable risk to themselves.

I am struck everywhere I go by the wide gap in empathy and common language to discuss these problems. Because in the very same cities and rooms where I speak with folks in the community, I hear from law enforcement who emphasize their responsibility to enforce the law and how they are doing the best job they can. They feel attacked and undervalued. They talk about how the actions of a few bad actors have tarnished the whole profession. They talk about the fact that department budgets have been slashed over the last several years, resulting in drastic cuts for community policing and neighborhood patrols. They talk about how they are constantly making split second decisions and people don't account for the thousands of times situations don't escalate and how the daily stress of their jobs take a toll.

But there is one certain commonality in all rooms I am in. And that is that everyone agrees that we are confronting grave challenges when it comes to the erosion of trust between **police** and the communities they serve throughout the United States. The level of mistrust and resentment is unsettling. Some, including NYPD Commissioner William Bratton, call it a "crisis in American policing."

The consequences of distrust between law enforcement and the communities they serve can be devastating. Where people perceive the criminal justice system to be arbitrary, biased and unfair, they are less likely to cooperate with law enforcement, making us all less safe. The distrust and alienation experienced in some communities can build into a powder keg of resentment, ready to be ignited by a single tragic incident. We have seen this over and over--in Watts in 1965, in Los Angeles in 1992 and most recently, in Ferguson in 2014.

It's worth asking, first, how did we get here? And second, what are we going to do about it?

Let's start with the first question and consider the source of the mistrust. Mistrust can't be explained away as the kneejerk reaction of the ill-informed or the hyperbolic. It's in part the product of historical awareness about the role that **police** have played in enforcing and perpetuating slavery, the Black Codes, lynchings and Jim Crow segregation. As FBI Director James Comey noted, "At many points in American history, law enforcement enforced the status quo, a status quo that was often brutally unfair to disfavored groups."

It is also the product of lived experience, of negative interactions that individuals -- or their family members, friends, or neighbors -- have had with law enforcement. Something as quietly humiliating as being mistreated during a traffic stop, or being followed in a retail store. These stories can circulate through a neighborhood -- or these days, across the nation via the web and social media -- and they can build up over time into a painful narrative that divides community members and police.

The lack of trust also undeniably results from our criminal justice policies over the last few decades, and the concentrated impact they have had on communities of color and people living in poverty. Law enforcement practices such as the stopping and frisking of young black men based on stereotypes. Sentencing policies that result in mass incarceration, particularly of people of color. And the devastating consequences that convictions have had on individuals' ability to find work, secure stable housing and reintegrate as full members of society. These are deliberate policy choices that we made over the last several decades. We bear the responsibility to confront their consequences.

The Civil Rights Division's investigation and recently released report on the Ferguson **Police** Department speaks to all of what I have been talking about.

In Ferguson, we found a community where unlawful police practices have not only severely undermined the public trust

and made local residents less safe - but created an intensely charged atmosphere where people feel under siege by those charged to serve and protect them.

We determined that the FPD engages in a pattern or practice of conduct that violates the United States Constitution and federal law. Specifically, we found that Ferguson PD routinely:

Conducts stops without reasonable suspicion and arrests without probable cause, in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Uses unreasonable force in violation of the Fourth Amendment;

Unlawfully interferes with First Amendment rights, including the right to record and to protest police activity;

Impermissibly discriminates against African Americans in violation of the 14th Amendment and federal statutory law; and

Violates due process and equal protection in the operation of its Municipal Court.

We found that this unconstitutional conduct stems from the interaction of two dynamics: Ferguson's undue focus on revenue generation through policing and pervasive racial bias in the **police** department and court system.

These dynamics fostered unconstitutional practices at nearly every level of Ferguson's law enforcement system. One example: During the summer of 2012, a Ferguson **officer** detained a 32-year-old African American man who had just finished playing basketball at a park. The **officer** approached while the man was sitting in his car, cooling off. The car's windows appeared to be more heavily tinted than Ferguson's code allowed, so the **officer** may have had grounds to question him. But, with no apparent justification, the **officer** proceeded to escalate the situation, accusing the man of being a pedophile. He prohibited the man from using his cell phone and ordered him out of his car for a pat-down search, even though he had no reason to **suspect** that the man was **armed**. And when the man objected - citing his constitutional rights - the **police officer** drew his gun, pointed it at the man's head and arrested him on eight different counts. The arrest caused the man to lose his job.

We observed that even minor code violations can sometimes result in multiple arrests, jail time and payments that exceed the cost of the original ticket many times over.

For example, in 2007, one woman received two parking tickets that - together - totaled \$152. To date, she has paid \$550 in fines and fees to the city of Ferguson. She's been arrested twice for having unpaid tickets and she has spent six days in jail. Yet she still - inexplicably - owes Ferguson \$541. Her story is only one of dozens of similar accounts that our investigation uncovered.

By exposing the harm that the Ferguson court system causes, our findings report contributes to a growing understanding of a significant problem in our criminal justice system: the economic exploitation of the poor. The use of modern-day debtors' prisons, the outsourcing of supervision to private probation companies, the imposition of fees on defendants to avail themselves of court-appointed attorneys and the right to a jury trial--these are dangerous trends that should concern us all.

In Ferguson, we also found evidence of unlawful discrimination. African Americans make up 67% of the population, but from 2012 to 2014, they constituted:

85% of the people subject to a vehicle stop;

90% of people who received a citation; and

93% of people arrested.

And discretionary **police** actions were overwhelmingly concentrated on the black population. To take just one example, 95% of "manner of walking in roadway" charges--that's jaywalking--were levied against African Americans.

We found racial disparities in virtually every available metric. From 2012 to 2014, African Americans were more than twice as likely as white drivers to be searched during vehicle stops, but 26% less likely to be found in possession of contraband. In 88% of cases in which FPD documented the use of force, force was used against African Americans. In all cases in which canines were used against subjects for whom racial information is available, the subject was African American.

The evidence of racial bias comes not only from statistics, but also from remarks made by **police**, city and court officials. Some of you may be aware of the emails we discovered during our investigation. The emails were incontrovertible evidence of a culture that tolerated and perhaps even celebrated racial bias.

These findings reveal that the public trust in Ferguson law enforcement and its criminal justice system, especially among African Americans, was damaged long before August 2014. When there is this level of broad community distrust, public safety suffers and the job of delivering **police** services is rendered more difficult and more dangerous.

Although we do not know what we will uncover in future investigations - and will never prejudge any outcome - in the weeks ahead, we pledge to bring the same rigor, the same fairness and the same impartiality to Baltimore, where the Division has launched a civil investigation into the Baltimore **Police** Department.

Wherever this investigation may lead, our goal is to work with the community, public officials and law enforcement to help build a stronger, better Baltimore. To restore trust where it has been badly eroded. To promote healing - and address problems that are common to so many great cities across America.

In many ways, Ferguson is not an anomaly. Through our work around the country, we know there are similar **police** and court practices in many places. I also know of several **police** chiefs around the country that assigned the report as required reading for their **officers**. We are already seeing the force multiplying effect of the report. In the days subsequent to the issuance of our report, cities around the country are beginning to re-examine their policing and municipal court practices, though we know there is much more work to do.

I said there were two questions--what the sources of mistrust are and what we are going to do about it. The second question is hard but we have an unprecedented opportunity now to address fundamental problems in the way communities across the country interact with **police** and with the criminal justice system more generally.

While the Civil Rights Division and others in this room and beyond have been working on policing issues for many years, the nation is paying attention because communities are demanding it. The reality is we tend to confront systemic problems only when forced to by seemingly extraordinary events. Journalists now are doing impressive investigative reporting on excessive force, racial profiling and **police**-community relations. Universities are doing important research and analysis of these problems. And families are talking about them at the dinner table.

Importantly, the focus on policing issues is happening in a broader conversation about the need to reform our criminal justice system. There is no question, and I speak from personal experience, that 15 years ago, criminal justice reform was a lonely endeavor. Few on the Left or the Right were willing to champion its cause. Today, there is a widespread, even bipartisan, recognition that our criminal justice system needs an overhaul, that it should not be the go to answer for social problems and that mass incarceration has damaged this country in countless ways. Law enforcement leaders themselves talk about how they have become first responders for a whole host of social problems, including homelessness, mental illness, drug dependency, school discipline. And in too many places, the only response we have made available to them is arrest and incarceration as opposed to evidence-based, alternative interventions. There is real reform taking place on broader criminal justice issues right now.

For these reasons, we should be optimistic about this moment. The public is engaged and there is an opportunity for real

progress.

What is the work ahead? At the Civil Rights Division, we have redoubled our efforts to ensure that policing is done in accordance with the Constitution and to help local **police** departments and the communities they serve build trust where it has eroded.

We can and do prosecute individual **police officers** for intentional misconduct. In fact, we have prosecuted nearly 400 law enforcement **officers** over just the last six years for constitutional violations.

Criminal prosecution, however, is only one tool, and a limited one at that. We also engage in systemic reform of police departments, like in Ferguson. Since the start of the administration, the Division has opened 22 investigations into police departments, including most recently the Baltimore City Police Department. We also are currently enforcing 16 agreements with law enforcement agencies, including consent decrees in New Orleans, Puerto Rico, Seattle, Portland (Oregon), Detroit, the Virgin Islands, East Haven (Connecticut), Warren (Ohio), Albuquerque and Los Angeles. The department currently has nine open investigations. In the majority of these investigations the Division has issued findings or technical assistance letters.

The division is often invited into communities with the support of elected officials, law enforcement, **police** unions and communities. For example, two weeks ago, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake invited the division to conduct a review of the Baltimore **Police** Department. In response to the Mayor's request, Gene Ryan, president of the Baltimore City Fraternal Order of **Police** Lodge No. 3, released a statement, saying the union intends to "fully cooperate with any investigation that has the potential to correct departmental deficiencies and improve the morale of our members . . . As the labor union that represents the nearly 3,000 active duty members of the agency, we agree with (the) mayor on her invitation to the Department of Justice and welcome their investigation fully as we, too, have issues with many of the current policies and procedures of the department."

Working together with **police officers** and community members, we are helping to change the way **police** services are delivered, to reduce the use of unnecessary force and to combat the influence of racial and ethnic bias in **police** decision making. We call the last five years of our work in this area "**Police** Reform 2.0" because we learned a lot from the first 15 years of enforcement and we have incorporated lessons learned from that first decade and a half into our more recent efforts. "**Police** Reform 2.0" entails exhaustive engagement with the community through individual interviews and town hall meetings. We meet with local officials and civil rights leaders. We learn from law enforcement leaders. And we spend a lot of time speaking with line **officers and with police** unions. Too often, they tell us that they lack adequate support, training, policy guidance, supervision and even equipment to keep them safe and allow them to engage in constitutional policing that keeps them and the public safe.

Even after we announce our findings, we continue intensive engagement with all of the various stakeholders, including community leaders, line **officers and police** unions to help shape the remedies that we negotiate at arm's length with city officials. In Ferguson, we have met with several community groups and held an open community forum to learn how area residents wanted to see their **police** department and court system change. Several weeks ago, our attorneys facilitated small group discussions, standing with an oversized notepad with marker in hand, taking down the groups' ideas. In our view, this is how reform starts. The stakeholders must feel investment in the remedies laid out in our agreements for them to be successful and sustainable.

Through this inclusive approach to reform, we have identified certain elements that are absolutely required to build trust and **police** legitimacy where they have eroded. For example, **police** commanders must create opportunities for line **officers** to have positive interactions, outside of the enforcement context, with individuals they may encounter as victims, witnesses, or subjects. This is a fundamental component of community policing. Departments must also commit to transparency, because the more communities know about **police** activity, the more operations can reflect community values and priorities. Structured community engagement is vital - there are a host of models for that and I know you will be having a panel about civilian oversight. We need better research and data. There is a lot we don't

know that we should, so thoughtful data collection and analysis is a priority.

There must be fair, consistent and robust internal and external systems of accountability so that **police** departments can course correct when problems are identified. Improper bias -- both explicit and implicit bias -- must be identified and corrected. Critically, **officers** must be given the specialized training to do their jobs consistent with community values and the professional support to cope with stress and trauma they encounter on the job. They need training to ensure de-escalation with the mentally ill and others in crisis, as well as to ensure respectful interactions with LGBTI, immigrants with language barriers and other vulnerable populations. And procedural justice matters. Research shows that being treated fairly and respectfully matters more than the ultimate result of a person's interaction with **police**.

We build these concepts into all of our consent decrees.

Over the past three years, the division has successfully concluded the implementation of three consent decrees, as well as a memorandum of agreement. Most recently, on May 11, 2015, the division and the U.S. Attorney's Office announced that the Missoula, Montana, Police Department had fully implemented the requirements of its agreement with the department to improve the its response to reports of sexual assault. The Missoula Police Department's successful implementation of the agreement in just two years illustrates the power of government, police and community leaders working together to create change that makes law enforcement and communities safer and stronger.

The Civil Rights Division is also trying to address problems in policing from every angle. For example, our Educational Opportunities Section is working to disrupt the school-to-prison pipeline by intervening where school discipline practices are overly punitive and disproportionately enforced against students of color. Our Employment Litigation Section has brought suits around the country to end discrimination in **police** hiring. And our Federal Coordination and Compliance Section is working to ensure that **police** and court services are available to those with limited English proficiency. For example, attorneys in FCS have worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office here in Colorado to secure a voluntary settlement agreement with the Supreme Court of Colorado to expand language assistance in court proceedings and programs. As a result of this case, limited English proficient persons throughout the state are entitled to interpreter or other language assistance so that they are able to participate meaningfully in all court matters.

The department, and indeed the President, are committed to these issues, as well. The President yesterday highlighted several initiatives designed to rebuild trust between **police** departments and the communities they serve. He received the final report from his landmark White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing. He highlighted an open data project where technologists, **police** associations, and community organizations will use data and technology to reduce use of force and increase transparency and he highlighted the recently created body worn camera toolkit. And he announced the launch of the law enforcement equipment review of federal programs that support acquisitions of equipment by state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies. In March, former Attorney General Holder announced the six pilot cities for the new National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice, an innovative program designed to enhance procedural justice, reduce bias and support reconciliation between communities and law enforcement. Attorney General Lynch is dedicated to continuing the department's commitment to these issues. Today she is in Cincinnati launching a national tour promoting community policing and \$163million in grant money available to advance the recommendations of the White House Task Force on 21st Century Policing.

On the local level, U.S. Attorney's Offices--including yours--have been meeting with law enforcement **officers** to promote community policing and anti-bias initiatives. Here in Colorado, U.S. Attorney John Walsh has emphasized the need for outreach to refugee communities as well as the importance of outreach to communities to prevent gang violence.

Importantly, we know that our reform work must go beyond the mechanics of good policing. We as a society must address the inequality and unfairness that pervade the larger criminal justice system. Often, an encounter with **police** is only the first contact in a process that involves prosecutors, defense attorneys, courts, correctional institutions and community supervision. Individuals experience these as facets of a unitary system, not as individual institutions. We

cannot merely focus on reforming **police** tactics without focusing on transforming broader criminal justice laws and priorities.

That's why the Department of Justice has expanded its efforts in these other areas in recent years. Through the Smart on Crime Initiative, former Attorney General Holder instructed prosecutors to exercise their discretion to avoid charging low-level drug offenders with mandatory minimum sentences, resulting in the first drop in the federal prison population in 32 years, with no resulting increase in crime. U.S. Attorneys like John Walsh are at the forefront of the Department's Smart on Crime Initiative.

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A police chief's slow and steady approach has yielded results

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Residents packed the City Council chambers here in 2005, hoisting signs emblazoned with photos of slain loved ones. Eight men had been shot dead in gang-related violence in a two-week span.

Many residents had long had contempt for the Richmond **Police** Department, with its decades-old reputation of racism and ruthlessness. The community rarely cooperated with **officers**, making even minor crimes hard to solve.

New to town, City Manager Bill Lindsay believed that change would come only with an overhaul of **police** practices. He turned to an unlikely reformer: Chris Magnus, the white, gay **police** chief of Fargo, N.D.

A decade later, this minority-majority city has recorded its lowest homicide rate in 33 years. **Officer**-involved shootings are now rare: There have been two since Magnus came on board, whereas outside **police** agencies killed five men inside city limits during the same period.

Community mistrust has gradually given way to collaboration, thanks to deepening bonds between **officers** and the neighborhoods they serve.

Now, as angry residents riot over use of force in Baltimore -- and Ferguson, Mo., before that -- state and federal leaders are tapping Magnus, 54, to share his approach.

Magnus acknowledges that the gains have involved some luck. But he and outside experts attribute them largely to a hard-won culture change.

Residents have also stepped up.

"We changed some of the ideas the **police** had about us, and we changed some of the ideas we had about them," said Bennie Lois-Clark Singleton, 80, who participates in weekly street walks to coax at-risk youths to reject violence.

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Positive interaction

The video went viral. Two **officers** working the annual Juneteenth festival were showing off their moves to the line-dance hit "the Wobble." Onlookers hooted encouragement.

The resident who captured the scene at the celebration of African American history later called it "awesome" to see how the **officers** "were interacting with the community." But it wasn't always so.

A shipbuilding hub during World War II, Richmond struggled when jobs vanished. The urban core is still depressed in this city of 107,571 -- more than 80% of whom are nonwhite -- and a dozen gangs remain active.

In 1982, minorities' relations with **police** boiled over when tactics of **officers** known as "the Cowboys" came into wider light. Separate **fatal police** shootings of two black men in their beds led to a \$3-million judgment, then the largest civil penalty in the country for **police** abuse.

A judge noted "significant" evidence of an informal policy that "encouraged and authorized violence and brutality by Richmond **police officers** against black residents."

As demographics shifted, problems persisted. In 2002, **officers** clearing a street on Cinco de Mayo roughed up and pepper-sprayed Andres Soto and his sons. In a holding cell, Soto found more than a dozen other Latino men swept up by **police.** The community protested. The group won a settlement.

"That was the crack in the mirror," said Soto, 59, an environmental activist.

Two interim chiefs followed. Then, in December 2005, Lindsay hired Magnus, who had climbed the ranks in Lansing, Mich., before heading the force in Fargo.

"He just completely opened up the department," Soto said.

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New relationships

When Magnus arrived, he quickly realized he had to craft a command team committed to the vision of "more human relationships," he said.

There were challenges. Soon after he took the post, seven high-ranking African American **officers** sued, accusing Magnus of making racist comments and bypassing them for promotion. The case dragged on for years. After a three-month civil trial in 2012, the **officers** lost on all 72 counts.

All the while, the chief was pressing reforms.

He disbanded roving street teams that had focused on arrests, replacing them with neighborhood-based policing. **Officers** attend neighborhood meetings and give out their cellphone numbers. The department installed monitored street cameras and a gunfire detection system and employed sophisticated software to better predict and prevent crime.

On a recent shift, Officer Chris Llamas edged his patrol car over the railroad tracks. Members of a Norteno gang had entered Sureno territory to leave their tag, which Surenos had crossed out and replaced with their own. It could easily escalate into shooting, the 13-year veteran concluded.

Code enforcement workers now fall under Magnus' command, leading to quicker action on graffiti, drug houses and

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other blight. The tags would "be gone by tomorrow," Llamas said after making a call. Soon, he and his partner were rousting public drinkers in a parking lot. A new merchants association had asked for help with the loitering, and received it.

Enlisting community members as partners has also yielded benefits.

Richard Boyd, an organizer with Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization, recalled that when he moved to Richmond, shortly before Magnus did, young men loitered in his neighborhood, flashing guns and shooting dice.

"There was no genuine policing, there was no genuine street cleaning, road repair services," Boyd recalled. "They wouldn't respond to any quality-of-life issues."

That soon changed. Though still troubled by violence, the Iron Triangle neighborhood has calmed noticeably, and families with children play in a radically revamped Nevin Park.

"We were able ... to call [the beat **officers**] directly and say, 'There are eight guys out front gambling,' "Boyd recalled. "And those **officers** would respond because they could feel our pain."

Through Boyd's interfaith group, clergy lead the weekly street walks and participate in an anti-violence program known as Ceasefire, attending "call-ins" where **police** are also present to persuade active members to give up gang life.

"I wouldn't call it trust, but they just know each other," said Tamisha Walker, 32, a one-time offender who runs a reentry program for former inmates. "The **officers** know the guys on the street, they know their families, they know that they have kids, if they've been to school."

But work remains. "It is individual **officers** and not the department as a whole that is respected," said Walker, who encourages offenders through Ceasefire to give up violence. "We still have **officers** who we need to be careful about."

Toody Maher concurs. In collaboration with **police**, her Pogo Park nonprofit transformed a blighted lot into a vibrant park that employs residents as monitors and won a national award.

"Sometimes the events on the ground don't correspond with the vision," she said, "but thank God we have the vision."

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Extra training

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Residents packed the City Council chambers here in 2005, hoisting signs emblazoned with photos of slain loved ones. Eight men had been shot dead in gang-related violence in a two-week span.

Many residents had long had contempt for the Richmond **Police** Department, with its decades-old reputation of racism and ruthlessness. The community rarely cooperated with **officers**, making even minor crimes hard to solve.

New to town, City Manager Bill Lindsay believed that change would come only with an overhaul of **police** practices. He turned to an unlikely reformer: Chris Magnus, the white, gay **police** chief of Fargo, N.D.

A decade later, this minority-majority city has recorded its lowest homicide rate in 33 years. **Officer**-involved shootings are now rare: There have been two since Magnus came on board, whereas outside **police** agencies killed five men inside city limits during the same period.

Community mistrust has gradually given way to collaboration, thanks to deepening bonds between **officers** and the neighborhoods they serve.

Now, as angry residents riot over use of force in Baltimore -- and Ferguson, Mo., before that -- state and federal leaders are tapping Magnus, 54, to share his approach.

Magnus acknowledges that the gains have involved some luck. But he and outside experts attribute them largely to a hard-won culture change.

Residents have also stepped up.

"We changed some of the ideas the **police** had about us, and we changed some of the ideas we had about them," said Bennie Lois-Clark Singleton, 80, who participates in weekly street walks to coax at-risk youths to reject violence.

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Positive interaction

The video went viral. Two **officers** working the annual Juneteenth festival were showing off their moves to the line-dance hit "the Wobble." Onlookers hooted encouragement.

The resident who captured the scene at the celebration of African American history later called it "awesome" to see how the **officers** "were interacting with the community." But it wasn't always so.

A shipbuilding hub during World War II, Richmond struggled when jobs vanished. The urban core is still depressed in this city of 107,571 -- more than 80% of whom are nonwhite -- and a dozen gangs remain active.

In 1982, minorities' relations with **police** boiled over when tactics of **officers** known as "the Cowboys" came into wider light. Separate **fatal police** shootings of two black men in their beds led to a \$3-million judgment, then the largest civil penalty in the country for **police** abuse.

A judge noted "significant" evidence of an informal policy that "encouraged and authorized violence and brutality by Richmond **police officers** against black residents."

As demographics shifted, problems persisted. In 2002, **officers** clearing a street on Cinco de Mayo roughed up and pepper-sprayed Andres Soto and his sons. In a holding cell, Soto found more than a dozen other Latino men swept up by **police.** The community protested. The group won a settlement.

"That was the crack in the mirror," said Soto, 59, an environmental activist.

Two interim chiefs followed. Then, in December 2005, Lindsay hired Magnus, who had climbed the ranks in Lansing, Mich., before heading the force in Fargo.

"He just completely opened up the department," Soto said.

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New relationships

When Magnus arrived, he quickly realized he had to craft a command team committed to the vision of "more human relationships," he said.

There were challenges. Soon after he took the post, seven high-ranking African American **officers** sued, accusing Magnus of making racist comments and bypassing them for promotion. The case dragged on for years. After a three-month civil trial in 2012, the **officers** lost on all 72 counts.

All the while, the chief was pressing reforms.

He disbanded roving street teams that had focused on arrests, replacing them with neighborhood-based policing. **Officers** attend neighborhood meetings and give out their cellphone numbers. The department installed monitored street cameras and a gunfire detection system and employed sophisticated software to better predict and prevent crime.

On a recent shift, Officer Chris Llamas edged his patrol car over the railroad tracks. Members of a Norteno gang had entered Sureno territory to leave their tag, which Surenos had crossed out and replaced with their own. It could easily escalate into shooting, the 13-year veteran concluded.

Code enforcement workers now fall under Magnus' command, leading to quicker action on graffiti, drug houses and

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other blight. The tags would "be gone by tomorrow," Llamas said after making a call. Soon, he and his partner were rousting public drinkers in a parking lot. A new merchants association had asked for help with the loitering, and received it.

Enlisting community members as partners has also yielded benefits.

Richard Boyd, an organizer with Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization, recalled that when he moved to Richmond, shortly before Magnus did, young men loitered in his neighborhood, flashing guns and shooting dice.

"There was no genuine policing, there was no genuine street cleaning, road repair services," Boyd recalled. "They wouldn't respond to any quality-of-life issues."

That soon changed. Though still troubled by violence, the Iron Triangle neighborhood has calmed noticeably, and families with children play in a radically revamped Nevin Park.

"We were able ... to call [the beat **officers**] directly and say, 'There are eight guys out front gambling,' " Boyd recalled. "And those **officers** would respond because they could feel our pain."

Through Boyd's interfaith group, clergy lead the weekly street walks and participate in an anti-violence program known as Ceasefire, attending "call-ins" where **police** are also present to persuade active members to give up gang life.

"I wouldn't call it trust, but they just know each other," said Tamisha Walker, 32, a one-time offender who runs a reentry program for former inmates. "The **officers** know the guys on the street, they know their families, they know that they have kids, if they've been to school."

But work remains. "It is individual **officers** and not the department as a whole that is respected," said Walker, who encourages offenders through Ceasefire to give up violence. "We still have **officers** who we need to be careful about."

Toody Maher concurs. In collaboration with **police**, her Pogo Park nonprofit transformed a blighted lot into a vibrant park that employs residents as monitors and won a national award.

"Sometimes the events on the ground don't correspond with the vision," she said, "but thank God we have the vision."

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View the **officer's** body camera video here.

VIDEO: Tahlequah police respond to deadly officer-involved shooting

TAHLEQUAH - The Tahlequah **Police** Department identified a 15-year department veteran on Tuesday as the **officer** who fatally shot a 35-year-old man during an altercation that was captured on another **officer's** body camera Saturday morning.

Randy Tanner, the agency's range master, remains on administrative leave while the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation completes an inquiry into the **death** of Joshua P. Crittenden, Tahlequah **Police** Chief Nate King said at a news conference.

Around 11:50 a.m. Saturday, **officers** went to a home in the 500 block of South Mission Avenue in response to a call indicating that two men had at least one gun in a white pickup that had been reported stolen, King said. The caller reported that the men had been fighting, he added.

Benjamin Brown, who was at the scene and was arrested on multiple felony warrants, gave **officers** a fictitious name of the person who had been in the pickup with him, King said. Brown's father lives at the home where the shooting occurred, he said.

Others who were in the home Saturday morning told **police** no one else was inside, but the **officers** looked through the house because they believed the other **suspect** - Crittenden - was **armed**.

The footage provided to reporters was from Officer Bronson McNiel's body camera. McNiel was riding in a patrol car with Tanner the day of the shooting.

"Come here, partner," one officer can be heard telling one of the men, believed to be Brown. "Let's get your hands up."

All four **officers** at the scene were equipped with body cameras, but Tanner - originally only there in an observer role - did not activate his, King said. He also said another camera's lens was obscured and that the fourth did not capture footage until after the shooting occurred.

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All Tahlequah **police officers** have had body cameras since August 2014, King said, but whether they are required to be turned on depends on the situation.

"A call of this nature, with **Officer** Tanner as an observing **officer**, a training **officer**, by the time it escalated, his body was in fight or flight," he said. "I'm not sure if I myself would have remembered to turn that camera on at that time."

Police reported finding Crittenden when he went through an attic vent on the home's south end, and they can be heard telling dispatchers he was in the attic with a weapon. The other occupants of the home "did not follow directions to remain in place on the back porch, causing the **officers** further safety concerns," King said.

One of the **officers** can be heard saying he was concerned that Crittenden would jump into the home from a hallway attic access, using a flashlight to show the area in question.

The shooting can be heard but not seen on the recording, which also did not capture the altercation between Tanner and Crittenden that led to shots being fired. Tanner reported drawing his Taser to subdue Crittenden "until he discovered Crittenden did in fact have a handgun," King said, and that prompted the **officer** to draw his gun, instead.

King said Crittenden pointed his gun at Tanner multiple times. **Officers** can be heard yelling that Crittenden had jumped out of the attic shortly before the shooting.

"He jumped. I can't radio. I'm on the wrong channel to tell them," one **officer**, identified as Pam Bell, can be heard saying. "He's got a pistol. He's jumped. I believe he did! ... Shots! Shots!"

At 12:14 p.m., six shots are heard from the home's southeast corner. Eight seconds later, **police** are heard saying, "We have a suspect down." An ambulance arrived about eight minutes later.

Crittenden did not shoot at Tanner, but King said he had "no doubt" that he would have done so if given the opportunity, adding that Crittenden had been told "on multiple occasions" to drop his weapon.

OSBI Special Agent Charlie Mackey said investigators found a handgun near Crittenden after he was shot. King said the camera footage shows that Crittenden's gun had its safety in the "off" position and that one of the bullets hit the middle knuckle of Crittenden's right hand - indicating, he said, that Crittenden was holding his gun in front of him at the time he was shot.

"(Tanner) stated he was in fear of his life and believed using deadly force was his only option," King said.

Crittenden was transported to a Tulsa hospital, where he died, authorities said.

Brown remains in Cherokee County custody, jail records show.

Tanner was the only **officer** who fired, King said.

"I feel like they acted decisively in a very dangerous and in a rapidly escalating situation," King said of his **officers.**"They made several attempts to end this situation peaceably, ... and he refused to do so time and time again."

The OSBI will send a report on its findings to the Cherokee County District Attorney's Office, who will determine whether Tanner's use of deadly force was justified, Mackey said.

King said Crittenden's family, whom he knew personally, have seen the body camera video.

Family members of both men told the Tulsa World on Tuesday that they didn't wish to comment.

"This is a tragedy in Tahlequah, no matter how it plays out, no matter what happened," King said. "A man lost his life.

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EDMONTON * The suspect in a shooting that killed an Edmonton **police officer** and wounded another had been the focus of a lengthy hate crimes investigation.

Police Chief Rod Knecht says police had evidence going back to February of last year.

"The online hatred and bullying of an Edmonton family had become extreme and the family members were increasingly worried about their personal safety, at which time the Edmonton **Police** Service became involved," Knecht said at a Tuesday news conference

Knecht identified the suspect as Norman Walter Raddatz, 42, who was known to **police**, although he did not have an extensive criminal record.

Officers had gone to the man's home in west Edmonton on Monday night to arrest him on an outstanding warrant for a bylaw offence. There were also going to serve him with documents ordering him to appear in court for criminal harassment.

That's when gunfire broke out.

Knecht said eight **officers** approached the door of the home but did not expect violence. They knocked and announced themselves as **police** and, when no one answered, they started to break in.

Bullets flew through the door and the first **officer** in line, 38-year-old Sgt. Jason Harley, was shot once in the lower back as he turned around, said Knecht. Body armour saved Harley's life.

Const. Daniel Woodall, 35, was also wearing a vest but was hit with bullets elsewhere on his body and suffered a **fatal**, "catastrophic wound."

Knecht said the other **officers** took cover and were pinned down by gunfire for the next 10 minutes. They came "very, very close to **death.**"

Officers found 53 bullets in the house and garage across the street, said Knecht, who added the **officers** didn't fire any rounds.

Investigators believe Raddatz used a large-bore rifle, a powerful gun that carries big bullets and is often used to hunt big game animals.

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Soon after, a fire started in the house and burned it to the ground. **Police** found a body in the basement they believe is Raddatz. An autopsy was to be performed Tuesday.

Knecht said police are not looking for other suspects.

Woodall was recruited to the Edmonton force from Great Britain and had served with the Greater Manchester Police. He had been an Edmonton officer for eight years and was assigned to the hate crimes unit.

He leaves behind a wife, Claire, and two young children. Knecht said the children were sleeping last night and their mother was to break the news to them Tuesday morning.

On Twitter, she thanked people for the support she has received.

"Your generous outpouring of love for myself and my boys fills my heart. He is my hero, our boys' hero &; Edmonton's newest hero," she wrote.

Edmonton Mayor Don Iveson choked back tears and struggled to talk to reporters.

"I reflect the sadness that I feel in the community," he said. "But I feel this most deeply as a father of young children and I'm incredibly sad for them and for Mrs. Woodall."

But Edmonton is still a safe city, he said. "By and large, good people live here ... we rely on our **police** to protect us from the few and the worst among us."

Prime Minister Stephen Harper also sent condolences to Woodall's family, friends and colleagues.

"It is a very difficult reminder that **police officers** across our country put their lives on the line every day to serve and protect our communities and keep us safe," Harper said in a statement.

It is the second **death** of an Edmonton-area **police officer** this year. RCMP Const. David Wynn, 42, died in January at a casino in St. Albert, north of the city, while trying to track down the driver of a stolen truck. Auxiliary Const. Derek Bond was seriously injured but survived.

The shooter, Shawn Maxwell Rehn, was out on bail facing 15 charges, including escaping lawful custody, possession of a prohibited firearm and failure to show up for a previous bail hearing on the charges. **Police** found him dead in a home he had broken into.

The last **officer** to be killed on the job within Edmonton city limits was Const. Ezio Faraone, who was gunned down in June 1990 while trying to arrest a **suspect** who was fleeing from an **armed** robbery. !@COPYRIGHT=© 2015 Times &; Transcript (Moncton)

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BYLINE: By Henry Vaughan

BODY:

An armed policeman murdered a man during an operation after firing six shots into him from close range, a court has heard.

Anthony Long blasted eight shots into a VW Golf carrying a number of suspected armed robber, six of which hit Azelle Rodney, jurors were told.

Two of the bullets were fired into the top of the victim's head, causing **fatal** injuries, the Old Bailey heard.

Police had swarmed the car in a 'hard stop' after believing those inside were armed with guns and on their way to commit a robbery.

The Old Bailey heard how Long was a Specialist Firearms Officer (SFO), known as 'E7', at the Metropolitan Police's 'SO19' division when he shot and killed Mr Rodney on 30 April 2005, in Hale Lane, in Mill Hill, North London.

Prosecutor Max Hill, QC, said: "The prosecution say that it was not necessary for Mr Long to open fire upon the Golf and Azelle Rodney.

"Therefore, we say, Mr Long was not acting lawfully when he opened fire.

"That being so, Mr Long's actions in deliberately killing Azelle Rodney when it was not necessary to do so, make Mr Long guilty of murder."

The court heard Mr Rodney was sat in the rear passenger seat, behind Wesley Lovell and Frank Graham, when armed **officers** swooped.

Police suspected the Golf contained firearms and the men were on their way to commit an armed robbery, said the

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prosecutor.

Officers set up surveillance on the car and a specialist firearms team was deployed in unmarked cars to follow the vehicle.

The prosecutor said: "As the Golf drove along Hale Lane, the order was given by the **officer** in charge of the firearms team to carry out what is known as a "hard stop", during which the Golf was to be forced to a halt and boxed in by the unmarked **police** vehicles.

"The hard stop was carried out in Hale Lane, with the result that one of the **police** firearms vehicles drew alongside the driver's side of the Golf.

"The front seat passenger in that **police** firearms car was the defendant Mr Long, who opened fire and shot and killed Azelle Rodney.

"Mr Long fired eight shots, from short range and in quick succession, all of which were aimed at Azelle Rodney, though two lodged in the metalwork of the car door or missed, therefore six of the eight reached him.

"The majority of those shots caused **fatal** injuries to Azelle Rodney, culminating in the final two shots which were fired into the top of Azelle Rodney's head."

Mr Hill told jurors they would need to 'consider very carefully' the actions of Long and the events surrounding the moment he 'pulled the trigger and opened fire' on the alleged victim.

Long sat in the glass-enclosed dock of the Old Bailey's Court 10 wearing a grey suit, pale blue shirt and navy blue patterned tie.

Mr Rodney's family members, including mum Susan Alexander sat in the well of the court as the prosecution opened the case.

Long, whose bail address was given in court as the **Police** Federation Headquarters (Room 26), Federation House, Highbury Drive, Leatherhead, Surrey denies murder.

The trial continues.

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HEADLINE: Edmonton shooting suspect was focus of hate crime investigation

BODY:

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BODY:

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Malacanang has condemned in the strongest terms the **fatal** shooting of Vice Mayor Florante Raspado of Jones in Isabela province on Friday.

Presidential Communications Secretary Herminio Coloma Jr. stressed that violence has no place in Philippine politics and Filipinos are set to elect their leaders in less than a year from now.

"Siyempre po ayaw po natin 'yung ano mang banta sa katahimikan at kaayusan ng ating mga komunidad (Of course, we do not like any kind of threats to peace and order in our community)," Coloma told government-run dzRB radio.

"Hindi po natin dapat bigyan ng puwang [ang karahasan] at hindi rin po katanggap-tanggap na dahilan 'yung pulitika dahil ang pulitika naman po natin ay dapat ding isagawa nang naaayon sa batas (We should give violence a space and politics is not an acceptable reason for violence because politics should be done according to what the law dictates)," he added.

Coloma said as far as the killing of Raspado is concerned, the Philippine National **Police** should conduct a comprehensive investigation of the incident and bring the killers to justice.

On Friday, Acting Isabela **Police** director Senior Supt. Amorsolo dela Cruz, said in an interview over dzBB said the two suspected gunmen of the **fatal** shooting of Raspado were arrested after pursuing **police officers** caught up with their getaway vehicle \x96 a red Mitsubishi Adventure - along the highway going to Quirino.

Dela Cruz said the **suspects** who were **armed** with M16 rifles, jumped out of their van and then engaged the pursuing **police officers** in a brief gun fight.

Dela Cruz said the suspected gunmen are both retired soldiers.

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STATE NEWS

Police: Stafford case may be murder-suicide

STAFFORD - A couple was found dead after shots were fired in what **officers** believe was a murder-suicide, according to the Stafford County **Sheriff's** Office.

Deputies responded to a report of two people shot just after 11 p.m. Friday. When they arrived they found a man and woman dead, both with gunshot wounds. The pair have been identified as Ashley Deanna Hoffman, 32, and Ramon Deandre Williams, 34.

Officers said a juvenile who lived in the home heard the gunshots and ran to a relative's house down the road.

Virginia Beach officer wounds robbery suspect

VIRGINIA BEACH - **Police** in Virginia Beach say an **officer** shot one of two robbery suspects who also held a person at gunpoint briefly before fleeing a store.

Police were called shortly before 7:30 p.m. Friday about two women who were robbed of cellphones and a wallet.

A **police** statement said the **armed suspects** were located at a cellphone store 40 minutes later. **Police** said the suspects pointed a gun at the head of a person before fleeing. The person was released unharmed.

Officers and the suspects exchanged gunfire in an alley and one of the suspects was shot several times. Police said he was taken to a hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The second suspect remained at large.

Alexandria fire leaves one dead, another hurt

ALEXANDRIA - One person died in an apartment fire Saturday and another was hospitalized with serious burns, according to the Alexandria Fire Department.

The cause was under investigation.

The name of the person who died was not immediately released.

Suspect in jewelry thefts arrested in Fairfax

FAIRFAX - Fairfax **police** have arrested a 39-year-old man they suspect is connected to a string of high-end jewelry thefts.

Jan Parchewski of the Chicago area has been charged with burglary and grand larceny in connection to numerous jewelry thefts in the Fairfax County area.

Police alleged there may be up to three accomplices.

Police said they believe Parchewski and others targeted homes owned by wealthy residents, and that the suspects may have watched the victims.

- From wire reports

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HEADLINE: Lawmakers to review **police** training, offer proposals

BYLINE: Ovetta Wiggins

BODY:

A bipartisan group of Maryland lawmakers on Monday will begin its work to develop recommendations for improving **police** training and enhancing **police**-community relations.

The legislative panel was formed last month by House Speaker Michael E. Busch (D-Anne Arundel) and Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr. (D-Calvert) and tasked with providing the General Assembly legislative proposals to improve public safety and policing practices.

The committee's effort comes six weeks after riots broke out in Baltimore after the **death** of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old black man who suffered a severe spinal cord injury while in **police** custody. Gray died a week after sustaining the injury. Six Baltimore **police officers** have been charged in connection with his **death**.

State Sen. Catherine E. Pugh (D-Baltimore), who walked throughout Baltimore trying to spread calm during the state of emergency imposed because of the unrest, will be the work group's co-chairperson. She said she looks forward to developing strong proposals that will change how **police** are hired and how they interact with residents.

"I'm hoping that during the process that we don't rush," Pugh said. "I want to continue until we are sure that there is a sound policy."

Pugh said that the committee, which will hold an organizational meeting Monday, will hear from community groups, law enforcement agencies and criminal justice advocates. It will review **police** training and hiring practices, the role of independent review boards investigating shootings and **deaths** involving **police**, and Maryland's Law Enforcement **Officers'** Bill of Rights, which among other things gives **officers** 10 days to secure representation before cooperating with an investigation.

Pugh said she is particularly interested in reviewing diversity training for law enforcement **officers** and looking at how often **officers** have psychiatric evaluations.

State Sen. Jamie B. Raskin (D-Montgomery), who will be part of the 20-member group, said it will build off the progress the General Assembly made this year enacting some criminal justice reforms.

"There is this bipartisan consensus that too many people are being swept up in the process for nonviolent and victimless offenses," Raskin said. That, he said, helped lead to the passage of several bills designed to help ex-offenders turn their lives around.

Among them was one giving former offenders the ability to expunge some of their criminal records or shield long-ago or minor convictions from public view. Gov. Larry Hogan (R) vetoed a different measure that would have allowed felons who are on parole and probation to vote.

"The conversation about criminal justice reform is taking place at a moment of fallen crime rates, so we are able to take a deep breath and examine what is working and what's not," Raskin said. "Meanwhile, the advent of cellphone photography also changed the public conversation about **police**-community relationships. Several of these very high-profile incidents from across the country have spotlighted that there is still a lot of progress to be made."

This year, the legislature approved a bill that sets the stage for **police officers** to wear body cameras. A commission will be formed to review best practices for using the cameras and set statewide policy.

Pugh said that because that commission has taken on the issue of body cameras, the work group can look at other topics involving **police** interaction with communities.

Criminal justice advocates have criticized the General Assembly for watering down or killing legislation dealing with **police** conduct, including a measure that would have required the state prosecutor to investigate all **police**-involved **deaths.**

Del. Brett R. Wilson, an assistant state's attorney who is part of the work group, said he has asked the panel to gather information about **police**-involved shootings and **deaths** across the state.

"We need the numbers so we are dealing with facts, not anecdotes," said Wilson (R-Washington). He wants to look into the circumstances of each **police**-involved **death**, the race of the **victim and whether the victim was armed.**

"If we start from there, then we can look at the causes - was it a lapse of training, overzealousness or something else?" Wilson said.

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HEADLINE: Slain BART officer's family sues, claims 'poor training'

BYLINE: By Andrew McGall amcgall@bayareanewsgroup.com

BODY:

DUBLIN -- A BART **police officer** accidentally shot to **death** by a colleague during an apartment search last year was so concerned about his lack of training that he asked his wife to sue the transit district if anything happened to him, according to a federal lawsuit. Kellie Smith, widow of BART Detective Sgt. Thomas "Tommy" Smith Jr., alleges that BART **police** chiefs routinely sent the transit agency's **officers** into high-risk searches without the backup of a trained SWAT -- Special Weapons and Tactics -- team.

BART's **police** leader also denied "training requests by BART detectives and **officers** who were required to do the building ... searches" without the SWAT team, according to a law firm's news release.

"Unfortunately, the lack of training ultimately led to Detective Sgt. Smith's tragic **death**," said attorney Eustace de Saint Phalle.

"Not only did Tommy himself foresee and fear this outcome, but this catastrophe could have been easily prevented and his life would have been saved," Saint Phalle said in the news release.

In a letter sent Wednesday to BART directors and **police** managers, Kelliee Smith, herself a 20-year BART **police** veteran, said she had tried to confidentially resolve her concerns after her husband's January 2014 **death**.

She said she had heard only "denials, a refusal to take responsibility, and a refusal to make necessary changes for **officer** safety and public safety."

BART attorney Dana Fox said Monday that the shooting occurred despite BART's **officers** having had training that "far exceeded the standards required by (the state Commission on **Police Officer** Standards and Training), the governing agency on **police officer** training in California."

"While BART has not received the lawsuit, the BART family continues to mourn the loss of Sgt. Smith," Fox said in an email.

Kellie Smith said that she believes **officers** know that BART is trying to disband its SWAT team and put more "high-risk tactical assignments on patrol **officers** and detectives."

She also said in her letter that her husband was so concerned about the department's refusal to provide training or send

out the SWAT team that he asked her to sue BART and deputy chief Ben Fairow "if anything happens to me." The complaint, filed Friday, specifically alleges that BART's **police** department, under Chief Kenton Rainey and Fairow:

Did not allow the use of trained SWAT officers for "potentially high-risk building and probation searches."

Denied "training requests by BART detectives and **officers**" who had to do building and probation searches without the assistance of BART SWAT.

Sgt. Tommy Smith, a San Ramon resident who headed BART's detective division, was assigned to lead a team of eight officers to search the apartment of a robbery suspect on Jan. 14, 2014.

Smith entered one door inside the one-bedroom apartment and emerged from another in shadow, prompting a fellow **officer** to think he might be an **armed suspect** and shoot him, according to the Alameda County District Attorney's Office report on the killing.

The suit asks for an injunction to prevent BART from forcing employees into tactical operations without having the necessary training and to force BART to set training and policies for **officer** and public safety.

It also seeks compensation for Kellie Smith and her young daughter.

Contact Andrew McGall at 925-945-4703. Follow him at twitter.com/andrewmcgall.

GRAPHIC: Hundreds of **police officers** line up during funeral services for BART **police** Sgt. Tom Smith Jr. at the Neighborhood Church on Wednesday, Jan 29, 2014 in Castro Valley, Calif. (Aric Crabb/Bay Area News Group Archives)

A BART officer talks to another near the apartment where a BART police officer was fatally shot by a fellow officer during a search of an apartment in Dublin, Calif., on Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014. It was the first time a BART police officer has been killed in the line of duty. (Doug Duran/Bay Area News Group)

Kelli Smith and her late husband, Thomas "Tommy" Smith Jr., in an undated family photo.

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July 01--GOSHEN -- A rash of early morning vehicle thefts occurred in several blocks within the northside neighborhood Sunday.

Several residents reported items were stolen from their parked and unlocked vehicles in the 300 block of N. Eighth Street and 400 block of Center Street, according to Goshen police.

"Because of the close proximity and time frame, these thefts are being investigated as one incident and believed to have been committed by the same person(s)," said Tina Kingsbury, administrative assistant with Goshen Police Department. "There is no indication that the victims in these thefts heard any noise during the time of the thefts."

A 17-year-old teenager reported a theft from her vehicle that occurred at approximately 1 a.m. Sunday while it was parked in the 400 block of Center Street.

Himelda Torres and Omar Aguilar-Dominguez, residents in the 300 block of N. Eighth Street, also reported items missing from their vehicles.

Hector Padilla told **police** someone entered two of his vehicles, along with Virgelina Esparza, Maria Chavarria and Humberto Chavarria, who reported someone entered their vehicles and nothing was removed.

The thefts are not believed to be related to any other thefts that have occurred in the city, Kingsbury said.

"No suspects in these thefts have been determined at this time and the incident remains under investigation," Kingsbury said. "Police advise residents that thefts from vehicles are usually a crime of opportunity. The would-be thief targets unlocked vehicles. We remind everyone to never leave valuables in your vehicle. If you must leave items in your vehicle, don't leave anything in plain view, and always lock your vehicle."

Elkhart police pursue robbers on foot after vehicle crashes

At 12:52 a.m. Tuesday, Elkhart police were dispatched to 1850 E. Bristol Street to an armed robbery.

The victim told police two males entered the store and one displayed a handgun. The two males took cash and

merchandise from the store and fled. Elkhart County **police** were involved in a vehicle pursuit in the same area as the robbery. The vehicle crashed in the area of N. Main and Emerald streets in Elkhart and the occupants of the vehicle fled the scene. **Police** located cash and merchandise inside the vehicle consistent with the robbery.

Jonathan Jackson, 19, Elkhart and a juvenile male were arrested for robbery with an armed weapon during the investigation. Jackson and the juvenile are being held at the Elkhart County jail without bond.

Goshen police investigate death of Georgia teen

A 17-year-old female was unconscious and unresponsive when Goshen **police** were dispatched to a residence at 1529 S. Twelfth Street in Goshen at 11:41 a.m. Monday.

Amber Templeton, 17, 300 Nancy St. Winder, Georgia, was transported to IU Health Goshen Hospital, where she was pronounced dead. An autopsy was scheduled for Tuesday morning to determine a cause of **death. Police** said the incident remains under investigation and no further information was available as of Tuesday morning.

Man arrested for dealing cocaine

Kosciusko County officers arrested a Warsaw man Tuesday morning on charges of dealing cocaine.

Kosciusko County Drug Task Force officers arrested a Warsaw man on multiple cocaine charges after a two-month investigation. Undercover officers stated that the investigation culminated Tuesday with the arrest of Bernardo Cisneros, 44, at approximately 10:45 a.m. Cisneros was taken into custody at his residence on Old Road 30 and preliminarily charged with felony 2, dealing in cocaine, along with felony 3, possession of cocaine/enhancing circumstances. DTF officers did not disclose the amount of cocaine seized during the investigation, but did state that it was "substantial". Cisneros is currently being held in the Kosciusko County Jail on a \$25,250 bond.

Juvenile illegal drug activity reported by caller

An anonymous caller reported illegal drug activity at 13542 Ind. 4 in Goshen at 9 p.m. Saturday, according to Elkhart County **police.** Several juveniles were allegedly in possession of alcoholic beverages. One juvenile was allegedly found in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia. The juveniles were released to their parents pending charges.

Arrests

- --Octavia Brown, 37 2619 Decamp Ave. Apt. 432, Elkhart, was arrested by Goshen **police** on charges of theft at Kohl's, 3802 Midway Road, and rue21, 3842 Midway Road, at 6:42 p.m. Monday. She was transported to the Elkhart County jail and the unpaid merchandise was returned to the stores.
- --Robert Krahn, 65, 9070 W. 735 North, Shipshewana, was arrested by LaGrange County **police** on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a property crash at 4:23 a.m. Tuesday. He fled the crash at 1000 West, near 800 North in LaGrange County and was booked into the LaGrange County jail.
- --Damon Swoape, 50, 22224 Ind. 120, Elkhart, was stopped on Middleton Run Road, south of Middlebury Street in Middlebury for traffic violations at 12:27 a.m. Tuesday. He was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and incarcerated at the Elkhart County jail.
- --Dustin Holdeman, 33, 68254 Jackson St., New Paris, was stopped for traffic violations in the area of C.R. 46 and C.R. 23 in New Paris at 11:39 p.m. Friday by Elkhart County **police.** He was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated and incarcerated at the Elkhart County jail.
- --Two 14-year-old male juveniles were arrested in the 1500 block of S. Main Street in Goshen for resisting law enforcement at 9:59 p.m. Sunday. Both males were released to their parents after signing a juvenile social history form,

according to Goshen police.

- --Shalisha Ochoa, 27, 2004 E. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, was arrested by Goshen **police** on charges of domestic battery in the presence of a minor and battery after a domestic argument at the residence. The incident occurred at 10:47 p.m. Sunday and she was transported to the Elkhart County jail.
- --Rosario Galeano, 39, 3757 N. 900 West, Cromwell, was stopped in the area of C.R. 42, east of Ind. 15 in Goshen for a traffic violation at 3:07 a.m. Saturday. She was arrested by Elkhart County **police** on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and intimidation on a law enforcement **officer**. She was transported to the Elkhart County jail.
- --Grace Rogers, 41, 226 Roxbury Park, Goshen, was stopped for reckless driving at a high rate of speed on Old 33, west of C.R. 3 in Elkhart at 6:28 a.m. Sunday. She was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of a controlled substance by Elkhart County **police** and booked into the county jail.
- --Mary Swihart, 26, 19370 U.S. Hwy 20, Bristol, was arrested by Elkhart County **police** on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated during a traffic stop at C.R.s 22 and 27 in Goshen at 4:11 p.m. Sunday. She was incarcerated at the Elkhart County jail.
- --Claude Walsh, 18, 7680 N. 00 West, Howe, was arrested by LaGrange **police** on charges of burglary, resisting law enforcement and trespassing Sunday and booked into the county jail.
- --Elizabeth A. Dunderman, 47, 1013 S. 13th St., Goshen, was arrested by Elkhart County **police** on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated Friday and booked into the county jail.
- --Tyris Tarrell Green, 25, 2633 Ponderosa Court #4K, Goshen, was arrested Saturday by Elkhart County **police** on charges of neglect of dependent, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and possession of marijuana and transported to the Elkhart County jail.
- --Adan Pedroza, 37, 212 Cottage Ave., Goshen, was arrested by Elkhart **police** on a charge of no operators, chauffeurs or public passenger license Sunday and booked into the county jail.
- --Stanley Charles Messick, 51, 23 Maple St., Bristol, was arrested on a charge of dealing in a schedule V controlled substance by Elkhart County police Sunday and transported to the Elkhart County jail.
- --Joe Devon Yoder, 27, 9990 W. 500 South, Millersburg, was arrested by Middlebury **police** on a charge of illegal possession of alcohol Saturday and transported to the Elkhart County jail.
- --Jerry A. Jump, 36, 603 Gra-Roy 2, Goshen, was arrested by Elkhart County **police** on a charge of no operators, chauffeurs or public passenger license Saturday and booked into the county jail.
- --Christopher Dale Wheeler, 45, 60370 Fenmore Ave., Goshen, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle wile intoxicated and forgery Friday and incarcerated at the Elkhart County jail, according to Elkhart County police.
- --Joaquin Rubio, 32, 604 Hawthorn St., Bristol, was arrested by Elkhart **police** on charges of contempt of court, false informing and possession of paraphernalia Sunday and booked into the county jail.
- --Jeffrey Michael Boals, 44, 1065 E. Centennial St., Nappanee, was arrested by Nappanee **police** on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated Saturday and transported to the Elkhart County jail.
- --Jimmy Lee Rohn, 68, 620 Wilkinson, Goshen, was arrested by Elkhart County **police** Friday on a charge of driving while intoxicated and booked into the county jail.
- --Larry O. Bontrager, 34, 16391 C.R. 20, Goshen, was arrested by Elkhart County police on a charge of operating a

vehicle while intoxicated Friday and transported to the Elkhart County jail.

- --Chelsea Jade Stein, 22, 701 S. Eighth St., Goshen, was arrested on charges of theft Friday, according to Elkhart County police.
- --Joey Fuller, 20, 0860 U.S. 20, LaGrange, was arrested by LaGrange **police** on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of paraphernalia, maintaining a common nuisance and a minor in possession of alcohol Saturday. He was booked into the LaGrange County jail.
- --Logan Owens, 20, 308 Hillside Drive, LaGrange, was arrested by LaGrange **police** on charges of minor in possession of alcohol and visiting a common nuisance Saturday and booked into the county jail.
- --Gregory Hicks, 52, 53305 C.R. 43, Middlebury, was arrested by LaGrange County **police** on a charge of operating a vehicle while intoxicated after driving a scooter on Ind. 120, east of Ind. 5 in Howe at 10 a.m. Friday. He was booked into the LaGrange County jail.
- --Jacob Campbell, 18, 200 E. Vine St., Wolcottville, was arrested by Wolcottville **police** on a warrant of battery Friday and booked into the county jail.
- --Heather C. Trittipo, 28, Sunny Slope Apartments, Shipshewana, was arrested by LaGrange County **police** on a charge of domestic battery in the presence of a minor at 6:04 p.m. Thursday. She was transported to the LaGrange County jail.
- --Brittany Samantha Nadine Wade, 27, 25108 Dunny St., Elkhart, was arrested by Goshen **police** on C.R. 45, near Old C.R. 17 in Goshen on charges of possession of Methamphetamine, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia during a traffic stop. Wade had a warrant through the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department for a probation violation and was incarcerated at the Elkhart County jail. The incident occurred at 8:30 a.m. Sunday.
- --William D. Parks, 26, 63594 Primrose Road, North Liberty, was arrested in the 4500 block of Elkhart Road for possession of drug paraphernalia and a Marshall County warrant by Goshen **police** at 5:03 p.m. Sunday. He was transported to the Elkhart County jail.

Theft/burglary reports

- --Richard Woods, Saira Palomar and Ernesto Dominguez-Carmona, residents in the 400 block of N. Fifth Street, reported to Goshen **police** thefts that occurred at approximately 2 a.m. Sunday with items stolen from their vehicles.
- --Kevin Joy, 479 Broadmore Estates, Goshen, reported someone stole tools and money from his vehicle between 5:08 p.m. Thursday and 5 a.m. Friday, according to Elkhart County **police.**
- --Sheila Hartman, 210 Tanglewood Drive, Goshen, reported suspicious behavior around her residence to Goshen **police** at 6:30 a.m. Monday.
- --Crystal Wielgos, 107 W. Wilkinson St., Goshen, told Goshen **police** someone burglarized her residence at 12:30 p.m. Monday.
- --Anthony Sydor, 463 Broadmore Estates, Goshen, told Elkhart County **police** someone stole loose change and a car change holder from his vehicle between 4:47 p.m. Thursday and 2 p.m. Friday.
- --Elizabeth Barron reported someone stole her wallet, credit cards, social security card and GMC lug-nuts on wheel covers from her vehicle at 459 Broadmore Estates in Goshen. The incident occurred between 12:14 p.m. June 23 and 12:14 p.m. June 24, according to Elkhart County **police.**
- --Noemy Salinas of Nappanee told Elkhart County police someone committed fraudulent activity on her debit card

sometime June 15.

Vandalism reports

--Jared Keplinger, 615 N. Third St., Goshen, reported damage to his vehicle at 7 p.m. Saturday, according to Goshen police.

Teen causes injury to staff worker, arrested on alleged battery

An employee at Bashor Children's Home Alternative School, 62226 C.R. 15, Goshen, reported a 17-year-old male struck her on the head with a chair, causing injury to the employee at 8:30 a.m. Monday. The male was arrested on charges of two counts of alleged felony battery and incarcerated at the Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center.

Incorrigible teen

Tannice Lehman reported a Goshen teen as a runaway and being incorrigible in the 200 block of W. Kercher Road in Goshen at 10 a.m. Monday. The juvenile later returned home and was arrested on the incorrigible charge, according to Goshen police.

Intoxicated man hospitalized after threatening others

Joseph Galvan, 27, was transported from 21475 U.S. Hwy 20 in Goshen to Elkhart General Hospital for an emergency detention for a mental health evaluation after threats to harm others and being intoxicated at 5:02 p.m. Monday, according to Elkhart County police.

Leaving the scene of a crash

- --Cody Belleville, 20, reported a driver in a black passenger vehicle collided with the gray 2013 Chrysler 200 he was driving on C.R. 38, east of C.R. 21 in Goshen at 8:30 p.m. Friday. The driver fled the scene without provided driver or vehicle information, according to Elkhart County **police.**
- --Cody Simington, 250 Timberbrook Circle, Bristol reported to Elkhart County **police** of being struck in the head with a glass object, causing a laceration, by a known person at 2:17 p.m. Saturday. The person fled the scene and traveled north on C.R. 19 and collided with a tree on C.R. 19, south of Ind. 120. The person fled the scene of the crash and the incident remains under investigation.
- --Timothy Stair of Goshen, reported his vehicle being rear ended by a red Jeep Wrangler at the intersection of Indiana and Lincoln Avenues in Goshen at 2:07 p.m. Monday. The driver left the scene and failed to make a report, according to Goshen police.

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BYLINE: Steven Henshaw, Reading Eagle, Pa.

BODY:

May 09--On March 1, 1937, state Highway Patrolman J. Lee Clarke was fatally injured when his motorcycle got caught in streetcar tracks in Reading, causing him to veer into an oncoming coal truck.

The precise cause of most **police officer deaths** may have changed since the first half of the last century -- for instance, you no longer hear about motor cops wiping out on trolley tracks -- but the manner of **death** in the majority of line-of-duty fatalities has not.

The seed for this column was planted while I was covering the annual memorial service May 1 at the state **police** station on Kenhorst Boulevard in Reading.

In the 110-year-history of Reading-based Troop L, 12 members made the ultimate sacrifice, but not necessarily in the way you might expect.

Although three Troop L members were killed during confrontations with **armed suspects**, six died in motor vehicle accidents and two died in helicopter crashes.

One other trooper died accidentally of carbon monoxide poisoning shortly after assisting firefighters extinguish a vehicle fire in which two occupants were trapped in the wreckage.

Seventy-eight years after Clarke's **fatal** collision with the coal truck, it's still far more likely that an **officer** will be killed by accident than slain by gunfire -- or other methods, for that matter, according to a recent report by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration.

That may have been expected in 1937, when seat belts and other safety standards were not as advanced as today. But in 2015, it's unacceptable.

In March, 50 municipal and state **police officers** from Berks and Schuylkill counties attended training in Hamburg as part of a national initiative called Below 100.

The goal is to reduce annual line-of-duty **deaths of officers** in all states to fewer than 100.

The last year in which fewer than 100 officers died on duty was 1944. Annual line-of-duty deaths in the U.S. peaked at 278 in 1974 but averaged more than 150 the past 10 years, according to NHTSA.

The data indicate that too many **officers' deaths** are due to **officer** negligence or carelessness, including speed too fast for conditions, inattention and not wearing seat belts, the report authors said.

Apparently some, but certainly not all, officers do not practice what they preach.

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Pasadena police ask appeals court to back confidentiality in Kendrec McDade shooting case.

BYLINE: Richard Winton

BODY:

More than three years after two Pasadena **police officers** fatally shot an unarmed black teenager, a state appeals court heard arguments this week from the **police** union, which is trying to block release of an independent report on the killing.

Portions of that report released during the legal battle called the slaying "troubling" and said the shooting was preceded by tactical mistakes.

For about two hours Wednesday, a three-judge panel from the 2nd District Court of Appeal questioned an attorney for the Pasadena **Police Officers'** Assn. as well as lawyers representing those who want the report released, including the Los Angeles Times and the teen's mother.

Richard Shinee, an attorney for the union, told the justices that the two **officers** involved gave voluntary statements to criminal homicide investigators. But, he said, the department used those statements in a subsequent personnel review.

"The chief of police relied on those statements to decide if they violated [administrative] policy," Shinee said.

The independent consultant's report, which was conducted for the city, used the private personnel information, so the entire report should be withheld from the public, he said.

The report has been kept secret since it was completed last summer. The Pasadena **police** union representing **Officers** Jeffrey Newlen and Matthew Griffin, who shot and killed Kendrec McDade on March 24, 2012, sued to block the report's release. The union contended the assessment of the **officers'** actions was legally protected personnel information.

But during oral argument, the justices questioned the notion that any information collected and put into a personnel file is prohibited from disclosure.

Justice Jeffrey Johnson wondered whether the phone book would get protection if it was put into an **officer's** personnel file. He suggested that under the union's argument, no shooting investigation should be public.

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Presiding Justice Frances Rothschild said it would be a stretch to withhold the entire report, noting that the privacy protection is for **officers**, not an entire department.

The appellate case stemmed from a ruling in November when Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge James Chalfant decided that most of the independent consultant's report could be made public, with limited redactions. The **police** union then filed a petition with the appellate court to stop the release.

Kelli Sager, representing The Times, told the justices that only records generated for the specific purpose of appraisal or discipline constitute personnel records and the report was neither. She warned that the department could simply "sweep up everything" into personnel files.

The case illustrates the growing divide between **police** unions and the public when it comes to **officer** accountability. Sager said that given the national climate, the public has more interest than ever in **police officers**' use of deadly force.

"We are talking about a young man shot eight times," she told the justices about McDade.

McDade was being pursued by **officers** on Sunset Avenue when Griffin, in a **police** car, cut off his path with the vehicle and, seeing McDade's hand at his waistband, shot him, according to prosecutors.

Newlen, chasing on foot and believing his partner had come under fire, shot the teenager as well.

The Pasadena Police Officers' Assn. included significant portions of the report in legal papers filed with the appellate court.

The report by the Office of Independent Review consulting group found Griffin and Newlen made faulty tactical errors, including a lack of communication between the **officers**, their decision to enter a narrow alleyway and put themselves in a vulnerable position, and closing their distance on a **suspect** they believed was **armed** based on a false 911 report.

"They repeatedly made tactical decisions that were not congruent with principles of **officer** safety," the report concluded, according to excerpts contained in the union filing.

Such tactical mistakes by **officers** putting themselves in a position of danger led to "the eventual perceived need to use deadly force," the report said.

The report called certain maneuvers by Griffin "troubling," and concluded the **officer** made a "potentially disastrous mistake" when he got out of the patrol car without putting it in park. Newlen separated himself from his partner to chase McDade, even though department policy suggests that **officers** stay together during foot pursuits, the report stated.

Both **officers** were cleared of wrongdoing in the **Police** Department's internal review and by the L.A. County district attorney's office. Pasadena paid about \$1 million to settle wrongful-**death** suits brought by McDade's parents.

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Suspect tried to rob hack driver, then pointed gun at 2 city officers, they say

BYLINE: By Kevin Rector, The Baltimore Sun

BODY:

Two Baltimore **police officers** say a man attempted to rob a hack driver, and then led them on a chase to an auto garage in Northwest Baltimore and pointed a pistol at them -- prompting them to fire their service weapons.

The standoff in the 5200 block of Eleanora Ave. on the morning of June 7 left Keith Davis Jr. hospitalized in critical condition with a gunshot wound to the face, **police** said. He has been charged with 17 crimes related to the incident, including first-degree assault, attempted armed robbery and multiple gun violations, according to court records.

Davis, 23, of the 11700 block of Stonegate Lane, Columbia, is also charged with discharging a firearm. A **police** description of the events filed in Baltimore District Court makes no mention of his firing the .22-caliber long pistol that **police** said he brandished.

The records do, however, provide the most detailed account of the **police**-involved shooting to date.

Officers Catherine Filippou and Lane Eskins were in the 3900 block of W. Belvedere Ave. about 10 a.m. June 7 to help investigate a car crash when an unlicensed cab driver, or hack, pulled into the accident scene and told the officers that his passenger had a gun and was attempting to rob him, police said.

Davis then jumped out of the car and ran, **police** said. Eskins gave chase.

Davis ran into the auto garage, **police** said. Eskins and Sgt. Alfredo Santiago said they observed Davis "with gun in hand attempting to gain cover" behind a refrigerator and steel cabinets.

Davis then "raised his weapon and pointed it in the direction" of Eskins and Santiago, **police** said. They said the **officers** ordered him to drop the weapon and raise his hands, "which he refused."

Eskins and Santiago then opened fire, **police** said. Davis "continued to take a position of cover," **police** said, and more **officers** were called to the scene.

Officers arriving said they could see that Davis was still pointing his weapon toward the **police**, they said, and "additional shots were fired."

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Davis "then yelled that he would put the gun down and come out if the **officers** would not kill him," **police** said. He surrendered and "laid on the ground with his hands spread."

Officers found Davis with a gunshot wound to his face and called for a medic, police said. Davis was taken to Sinai Hospital in critical but stable condition, they said.

Police said they found the long pistol on the top of the refrigerator Davis had used for cover. No **officers** were injured in the standoff.

Charles Holden, the hack driver, told **police** that Davis got into the front passenger seat and asked to be taken to the Yale Heights Apartments, **police** said.

On the way, Holden told **police**, Davis "pulled out a handgun," demanded money and then patted down Holden's front pockets, **police** said. Then Holden pulled up to the crash scene.

Eskins, Filippou, Santiago and Officer Israel Lopez have been placed on administrative duties pending a review of the shooting by the Police Department's force investigation team, police said. None of the officers has been involved in a shooting before, police said.

Davis has been charged with attempted armed robbery, attempted robbery, three counts each of first-degree assault and second-degree assault, four weapons charges, failure to obey **police**, theft, and three counts of reckless endangerment.

Davis is now being held in jail. He did not have an attorney listed in court records. A trial has been scheduled for July 14.

Also on Monday, the Maryland Transit Administration named MTA **Police Officer** Aaron Jackson, 28, a three-year veteran of the force, as the **officer** who shot an **armed suspect** in the leg in the 5500 block of Harford Road on Friday night after "a struggle."

The man was taken to Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment. Baltimore **police** are investigating the shooting. Details have not been provided, and the suspect has not been identified or charged.

Jackson has been assigned to administrative duties pending the investigation.

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HIGHLIGHT: Six Anaheim **officers** killed robbery suspect after he shot at them.

BODY:

Six Anaheim **police officers** were justified in shooting and killing a suspected armed robber who opened fire on them during a SWAT standoff, Orange County prosecutors have determined.

Investigators have cleared **officers** Nick Bennalack, Mark Brydges, Jeff Burke, Douglas Elms, Catalin Panov and Steven Salicos for the **death** of Steen Thomas Parker, who spent an hour holed up in a vehicle at an auto lot during the standoff Sept. 19, according to a letter to Anaheim **Police** Chief Raul Quezada outlining the results of the district attorney's investigation.

Witnesses reported that Parker, 43, was confronted by a security **officer** at a Fry's electronics store after he and an accomplice tried to steal electronic equipment. Parker reportedly pulled a handgun from a shoulder holster hidden under a blazer and pointed it at the security **officer** as he fled the store, the D.A. report says.

Authorities tracked him to a lot at Manheim Auto Auction in the 1300 block of North Tustin. The department's helicopter, a SWAT team and **police** dogs responded to the area, while Parker hid in a BMW parked in the lot. According to D.A. investigators, Parker ignored numerous commands broadcast from the **police** helicopter and from a SWAT vehicle, along with direct orders from **officers**.

Police told D.A. investigators that they used a wide variety of non-lethal measures to get Parker out of the BMW, including gas, pepper ball and bean-bag rounds, as well as a rubber baton fired from a launcher.

Eventually, **police** heard a gunshot come from the BMW and suspected that Parker was trying to "bait" the **officers** into thinking he had committed suicide so that they would come near the BMW. Several minutes later, **officers** saw Parker moving in the back of the vehicle and once again ordered him to get out, according to the D.A. report.

Parker appeared to be ready to comply, **officers** told D.A. investigators, raising his hands to show **police** a handgun magazine with at least two cartridges and beginning to move his body. The **officers** believed that Parker was under the influence of a controlled substance, since his movements were "short and choppy," and he was continually clenching his teeth and jaw.

The **officers** told investigators that Parker suddenly dropped his hands, then raised them again quickly, at which point an **officer** fired a beanbag round, striking Parker in the shoulder. Parker fell to his right, clutched his shoulder and screamed, then pointed a handgun at two **officers** and began firing in their direction, according to the D.A. report.

The officers returned gunfire, they told investigators, striking Parker numerous times. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

A toxicology examination following Parker's **death** determined that he had methamphetamine in his system.

D.A. investigators concluded that the half-dozen officers who shot Parker acted in self-defense.

"Despite numerous commands to surrender and **police** use of non-lethal force, Parker continued to brandish a handgun," the investigators wrote in the D.A. report. "Finally, Parker actually opened fire at the **officers** from close proximity. It is very hard to imagine a more dangerous set of circumstances to **police officers** than being in close proximity to an **armed** robbery **suspect** who is pointing his gun at the **officers** and firing at them."

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BODY:

ABSTRACT

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HEADLINE: JURY ACQUITS **OFFICER**; INVOLVED IN **FATAL** CRASH ON DUTY;

HARTFORD POLICE

BYLINE: DAVID OWENS, dowens@courant.com

DATELINE: NEW BRITAIN --

BODY:

A Hartford **police officer** who was arrested after he was involved in a **fatal** crash while on duty was acquitted of all charges Monday by a Superior Court jury.

The prosecution of Officer Taikwon Dudley was transferred to the New Britain Judicial District from Hartford to avoid any potential conflict of interest.

Hartford **police** charged Dudley, 35, with negligent homicide with a motor vehicle, reckless driving, traveling unreasonably fast and running a red light after an investigation into the July 13, 2012, crash at Woodland Street and Albany Avenue.

Anthony Mansfield, 50, was seriously injured in the crash and died seven days later.

Dudley's **police** car, a Ford Crown Victoria, crashed into Mansfield's Chevy Cavalier about 12:45 a.m. Dudley said he was rushing to help other **officers** in pursuit of an **armed suspect** when the crash occurred.

Hartford **police** found that Dudley was driving 57 mph on Woodland Street and ran a red light before crashing into the passenger side of Mansfield's car. Dudley told **police** he slowed at the intersection and looked both ways and that the Cavalier then appeared in front of him. He had turned on his lights and siren 100 to 130 feet before the intersection, investigators found.

Dudley's lawyer, Kevin Smith of New Haven, said the jury began deliberating Friday afternoon and reached its verdict about 11 a.m. Monday.

"This was a terrible tragic case and Taikwon certainly feels that way himself," Smith said. "He is grateful to the jury for their service."

Dudley is satisfied with the verdict, but "still remains terribly sorry for this tragic accident," Smith said.

JURY ACQUITS OFFICER; INVOLVED IN FATAL CRASH ON DUTY; HARTFORD POLICE Hartford Courant (Connecticut) May 12, 2015 Tuesday

Smith praised the jury for focusing on the evidence.

"It's not a crime every time someone dies," he said. "A lot of times, for a jury, when someone died, there is a lot of pressure on them to place that blame somewhere."

Hartford Deputy Police Chief Brian Foley said Dudley has been on an internal assignment as the case has progressed.

"Now that the criminal case has been adjudicated, there will be a separate administrative investigation," Foley said.

Mansfield's estate has sued the city, the **police** department and Dudley. The case is pending.

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PERSON: KEVIN SMITH (74%)

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HEADLINE: Suspect killed in shootout with **police**; Officer wounded after pulling over man armed with shotgun

BYLINE: Jana G. Pruden And Keith Gerein, Edmonton Journal

BODY:

The suspect killed in a shooting with **police** Monday was armed with a sawed-off shotgun, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team's executive director said Tuesday. Susan Hughson said the incident began when the suspect was pulled over at 118th Avenue and Abbottsfield Road by two Edmonton **Police** Service **officers** who had received a tip about a possible impaired driver at about 9:30 p.m. Monday.

"The 31-year-old driver and sole occupant of the vehicle became involved in an altercation with the **police officers**," Hughson said.

The suspect was shot and died at the scene. A **police officer** was also shot and wounded during the incident, but not critically injured. The **officer** remained in hospital Tuesday and was expected to make a full recovery.

The suspect's name is not being released, though he was known to **police**. He was not the owner of the car, but Hughson said **police** have no reason to believe it was stolen.

Hughson said an autopsy will be performed Wednesday.

The ASIRT investigators concluded their work at the scene Tuesday morning.

Speaking to reporters at a news conference at **police** headquarters about 12:30 a.m. Tuesday, Edmonton **police** Chief Rod Knecht said "a confrontation" occurred during the traffic stop.

"There was an exchange of gunfire and an EPS member was shot," he said.

He said the suspect was fatally shot and pronounced dead at the scene.

The **officer**, an eight-year veteran of the Edmonton **Police** Service, was taken to hospital by **police** with a wound to his lower body.

Knecht described the **officer** as being "heavily sedated, but in good spirits" overnight, surrounded by family and other **officers** at hospital.

The injured **officer's** name has not been released. He is described as being in his 40s.

Suspect killed in shootout with police; Officer wounded after pulling over man armed with shotgun Edmonton Journal (Alberta) May 20, 2015 Wednesday

Knecht said the other officer involved in the incident has been a member of EPS for 10 years.

A Nissan Maxima sedan remained parked in one of the westbound lanes of 118th Avenue on Tuesday morning, its driver's side door open. A large section of road and most of a neighbouring park was cordoned off with **police** tape as investigators worked.

Officers could be seen taking photos and measurements around the area. "One of the most dangerous things officers do is stop cars," Knecht said during the early morning news conference. "The public probably doesn't appreciate that because they think, 'Well I'm just getting a ticket or whatever else.' But it's really an unknown for us when we stop a car. You don't know who is in the vehicle and what they have been doing or what they plan on doing."

Hughson said she knows which **officer** shot the suspect and how many shots were fired, but would not release that information at this time. She said ASIRT has investigated six or seven shootings across Alberta since Christmas. ASIRT investigates incidents involving the province's **police** that have resulted in serious injury or **death** to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of **police** misconduct. With files from Paige Parsons, Edmonton Journal jpruden@edmontonjournal. com kgerein@edmontonjournal. com !@COPYRIGHT=© 2015 Postmedia Network Inc. All rights reserved.

GRAPHIC: Bruce Edwards, Edmonton Journal; **Police** vehicles seal off the intersection at Abbottsfield Road and 118th Avenue after an **officer**-involved shooting Monday.;

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HEADLINE: Jed Allen Didcot murders: First pictures of three members of same family found stabbed to **death**; The manhunt for 21-year-old Jed Allen wanted in connection with the killings in Oxfordshire has continued today, with armed **police** sealing off an Oxford city centre park

BYLINE: By Sam Rkaina

BODY:

These are the first pictures of the three family members found stabbed to **death** in Oxfordshire.

Mum and daughter Jan Jordon and six-year-old Derin died with third victim Philip Howard at a home on Wensum Drive, Didcot,

The release of the pictures were met with message of grief from the public on Thames Valley Police Facebook page.

One, Debbie Harris said: "God bless you all xxx Derrin you beautiful angel xx"

Another, Charley Lawson, said: "Rip u can be a princess forever little one xx"

Detectives with police dogs were today continuing the hunt for Janet's son Jed Allen 21 in connection with the killings.

Cops have cordoned off an Oxford city centre park in connection with the **deaths**, after putting out an appeal to trace him earlier today.

Teams of **officers** wearing riot gear were spotted moving into Oxford University Parks this afternoon, and a forensic tent has been set up in the grounds of the historic site.

Jed Allen Didcot murders: Live updates as police launch manhunt

Police have warned the public not to approach the 21-year-old, who was revealed on his social media profiles to have a fascination with comic book characters like X-Men's Wolverine.

On his Instagram page Allen has numerous pictures of the Marvel character along with a Wolverine 21st birthday cake.

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In one shot he poses with a makeshift version of the character's iconic, razor-sharp claws and in another from 10 months ago, Allen can be seen showing off a hunting-style knife approximately 10 inches long with the caption 'today's purchases'.

Another picture of the same weapon has the caption 'you call that a knife' a reference to the film Crocodile Dundee.

The former Oxford University groundsman's Instagram account is filled with hundreds of pictures, with many featuring his distinctive tattoos.

Police alerted the public to keep an eye out for the spider on his left hand, but he also appears to have a scorpion on his right and a bear on his chest.

His social media account shows a keen interest in comic book characters including the violent vigilante The Punisher, and the Spiderman villain Venom.

Police launched the manhunt following the grim discovery after a member of the public alerted cops.

Thames Valley Police say Allen has a distinctive spider tattoo on his left hand.

Police believe Allen is still in the area and have urged the public not to approach him.

Investigating **officer**, Det Supt Chris Ward, head of the Thames Valley **Police** Major Crime Unit, said: "The likely cause of **deaths** is stab wounds in relation to the search for the suspect we are taking out a number of searches.

"Armed officers are assisting with that search.

"The **suspect** has a weapon."

Det Supt Ward said the searches are ongoing and intelligence led and that cops are still looking for the Allen.

He urged anybody has any information "about happened in this road then we would like them to come forward."

Allen is white, about 6ft, of stocky build, and has a distinctive tattoo of a spider on his left hand, police said.

"If you see Jed please do not approach him, instead call 999 immediately.

"We would urge anyone with any other information 5756228 about the incident to contact us via 101 quoting a new reference number of 465 (24/5).

"Did you see or hear anything suspicious in Vicarage Road yesterday? If you did then we want to hear from you."

Important police appeal to hunt man with spider tattoo over triple murder at house

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HEADLINE: Shooter at state building in Anthony ID'ed; victim critical

BYLINE: Sun-News report

BODY:

ANTHONY, N.M. >> An **armed suspect** who entered the Human Services Department building, 220 Crosset Lane, in Anthony on Tuesday and shot the security guard has been identified as Benjamin Martinez, 62, of Canutillo, Texas, according to a state Department of Public Safety news release.

The officer shot has been identified as Javier Hernandez, 41, of La Union. He remains hospitalized in critical condition, the release stated.

Martinez left the location but was located driving on South Desert Boulevard in west El Paso. **Deputies** stopped traffic and approached Martinez, discovering he had a **fatal** self-inflicted gunshot wound, according to the news release.

Law enforcement did not fire any weapons and authorities have not released a possible motive.

The New Mexico State Police Investigations Bureau is investigating incident with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); **POLICE** FORCES (87%); **SHERIFFS** (87%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (86%); INVESTIGATIONS (84%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (69%)

GEOGRAPHIC: EL PASO, TX, USA (87%) TEXAS, USA (92%); NEW MEXICO, USA (79%) UNITED STATES (92%)

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June 2, 2015 Tuesday

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HEADLINE: BART: Slain officer's family sues

BYLINE: Andrew McGall; Bay Area News Group

BODY:

ABSTRACT

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FULL TEXT

DUBLIN >> A BART **police officer** accidentally shot to **death** by a colleague during an apartment search last year was so concerned about his lack of training that he asked his wife to sue the transit district if anything happened to him, according to a federal lawsuit. Kelli Smith, widow of BART Detective Sergeant Thomas "Tommy" Smith Jr., alleges that BART **police** chiefs routinely sent the transit agency's **officers** into high-risk searches without the backup of a trained SWAT - Special Weapons and Tactics - team.

BART's **police** leader also denied "training requests by BART detectives and **officers** who were required to do the building ... searches" without the SWAT team, according to a law firm's news release.

"Unfortunately, the lack of training ultimately led to Detective Sergeant Smith's tragic **death,**" said attorney Eustace de Saint Phalle.

"Not only did Tommy himself foresee and fear this outcome, but this catastrophe could have been easily prevented and his life would have been saved." Saint Phalle said in the news release.

In a letter sent Wednesday to BART directors and **police** managers, Kellie Smith, herself a 20-year BART **police** veteran, said she had tried to confidentially resolve her concerns after her husband's January 2014 **death.**

She said she had heard only "denials, a refusal to take responsibility, and a refusal to make necessary changes for **officer** safety and public safety."

BART's attorney, Dana Fox, said Monday that the shooting occurred despite BART's **officers** having had training that "far exceeded the standards required by (the state Commission on **Police Officer** Standards and Training), the governing agency on **police officer** training in California."

"While BART has not received the lawsuit, the BART family continues to mourn the loss of Sgt. Smith," Fox said in an email.

Kelli Smith said that she believes **officers** know that BART is trying to disband its SWAT team and put more "high-risk tactical assignments on patrol **officers** and detectives."

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HEADLINE: Slain BART officer's family sues, claims 'poor training'

BYLINE: By Andrew McGall amcgall@bayareanewsgroup.com

BODY:

DUBLIN -- A BART **police officer** accidentally shot to **death** by a colleague during an apartment search last year was so concerned about his lack of training that he asked his wife to sue the transit district if anything happened to him, according to a federal lawsuit. Kellie Smith, widow of BART Detective Sgt. Thomas "Tommy" Smith Jr., alleges that BART **police** chiefs routinely sent the transit agency's **officers** into high-risk searches without the backup of a trained SWAT -- Special Weapons and Tactics -- team.

BART's **police** leader also denied "training requests by BART detectives and **officers** who were required to do the building ... searches" without the SWAT team, according to a law firm's news release.

"Unfortunately, the lack of training ultimately led to Detective Sgt. Smith's tragic **death**," said attorney Eustace de Saint Phalle.

"Not only did Tommy himself foresee and fear this outcome, but this catastrophe could have been easily prevented and his life would have been saved," Saint Phalle said in the news release.

In a letter sent Wednesday to BART directors and **police** managers, Kelliee Smith, herself a 20-year BART **police** veteran, said she had tried to confidentially resolve her concerns after her husband's January 2014 **death**.

She said she had heard only "denials, a refusal to take responsibility, and a refusal to make necessary changes for **officer** safety and public safety."

BART attorney Dana Fox said Monday that the shooting occurred despite BART's **officers** having had training that "far exceeded the standards required by (the state Commission on **Police Officer** Standards and Training), the governing agency on **police officer** training in California."

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GRAPHIC: Kelli Smith and her late husband, Thomas "Tommy" Smith Jr., in an undated family photo.

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HEADLINE: Woman who led Greeley **police**, other **officers** on high speed chase dies at scene in Brighton

BYLINE: Joe Moylan, Greeley Tribune, Colo.

BODY:

June 03--A Mesa County woman suspected of fatally shooting her ex-husband died Wednesday from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, but not before leading Weld County authorities on an hour-long chase that ended in Brighton.

The chase began shortly after 10 a.m. when Greeley **police** attempted to contact Barbara Ann Blanton-Marez, 39, of Grand Junction, in the 300 block of 35th Avenue.

Weld County dispatchers received a message from the Mesa County Sheriff's Office through the Colorado Criminal Information Center that Blanton-Marez was thought to be in the Greeley area.

On Tuesday, Blanton-Marez was named a person of interest in Monday's suspicious **death** of 50-year-old Lawrence Marez in his home in the 2900 block of Globe Willow Avenue in Grand Junction. Blanton-Marez was listed as armed and dangerous and possibly driving a stolen red 2007 Ford pickup.

Blanton-Marez also was wanted on a warrant for walking away from community corrections May 29, according to the Mesa County Sheriff's Office.

She was serving a three-year sentence for a felony menacing conviction.

When Greeley **police** located Blanton-Marez and the red Ford pickup on 35th Avenue, they attempted to pull her over, but she refused to yield. Instead, Blanton-Marez led **police** north on 35th Avenue to O Street and then east on O to U.S. 85. Blanton-Marez then sped south on the U.S. 85 Bypass toward Brighton.

The high-speed chase attracted the participation of the Weld County Sheriff's Office and the Colorado State Patrol, as well as several smaller agencies south of Greeley along the U.S. 85 corridor. Blanton-Marez exceeded speeds of 100 mph and crossed over to the northbound lanes on numerous occasions, said Sgt. Joe Tymkowych, spokesman for Greeley police. Officers attempted to stop Blanton-Marez with tire spikes several times without success.

The one-hour chase ultimately came to an end at 11:05 a.m. in Brighton when Blanton-Marez crashed into a **police** cruiser. It was unknown which agency was involved in the crash and if there were any injuries to the **officer** as of Wednesday afternoon, Tymkowych said. The chase contributed to one other crash, which occurred near Evans on U.S.

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85. There were no injuries reported in that crash.

The crash in Brighton immobilized Blanton-Marez's vehicle. She elected to stay inside the pickup as **officers** from several agencies surrounded her and waited for SWAT to respond to the scene. Greeley **Police** used the armored vehicle to approach the **suspect** vehicle. The woman was reported as **armed** and dangerous, and she was seen with a weapon in her hand during the pursuit.

While she was surrounded, Blanton-Marez apparently raised a gun to her own head and pulled the trigger, said Greeley **Police** Chief Jerry Garner.

Authorities closed U.S. 85 about 10:30 a.m. at Weld County Road 2 because of the **police** activity. It remained closed much of the day. It was reopened just before 6 p.m., according to the Colorado Department of Transportation.

"I am very proud of the professionalism and restraint shown by our **officers** during this dangerous incident," he said in a news release. "The situation could have ended very badly, and I am so thankful that innocent persons were not harmed by a highly dangerous suspect."

Blanton-Marez married Lawrence Marez in March 2014, according to reports by the Grand Junction Daily Sentinel. Mesa County records showed the couple lived in the 2900 block of Globe Willow Avenue. They later divorced.

Blanton-Marez also was arrested Aug. 6, 2013, by the Grand Junction **Police** Department when her then-boyfriend reported being stabbed with a kitchen knife multiple times in the back and on his arms after the couple argued for most of the day at their apartment, according to the Sentinel.

A witness told the Sentinel a man was being stabbed as he tried to climb out a bedroom window.

At the time, Blanton-Marez was five months pregnant with the man's child, according to court records.

The District Attorney's Office eventually charged her with second-degree assault causing serious injury, second-degree assault in the heat of passion, menacing and tampering with physical evidence.

A public defender who represented Blanton-Marez described her in court records as "probably having an IQ in the 70-80 range," while observing it was, "very difficult for her to understand basic criminal justice concepts," the Sentinel reported.

The Mesa County Coroner was conducting an autopsy on Lawrence Marez's body Wednesday. A cause and manner of **death** had not been released as of Wednesday afternoon.

The Greeley **Police** Department will conduct an investigation of the vehicle pursuit, Tymkowych said. Colorado State Patrol is investigating the crash in Brighton that brought the chase to an end, and Brighton **police** are investigating the shooting. The cause and manner of Blanton-Marez's **death** will be released at a later date by the Adams County Coroner's Office.

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THE GOVERNMENT says it has decided to appeal against the judgment in the high court in Pretoria relating to Sudanese President Omar Al-Bashir. The Government Communication and Information System said yesterday the reasons for the appeal would appear in an affidavit that would be submitted within the prescribed due date. This follows the International Criminal Court's call for the government to fulfil its obligations to the Rome Statute by arresting the Sudanese president after the court issued international warrants against him for human rights violations in his country. Earlier this month, Bashir was in South Africa to attend the 25th AU summit in Sandton. He left the country in contradiction of a court order. - sanews.gov.za

Six people have died since the start of the initiation season in the Eastern Cape, the provincial Health Department said yesterday. Department spokesman Sizwe Kupelo said five of the **deaths** took place in the OR Tambo region over the past week, while one boy died in the Chris Hani region. One boy from Port St Johns had a septic penis and a swollen knee, while a 29-year-old initiate from Qumbu was suspected to have died as a result of defaulting on his chronic medication. "On the latest **deaths**, an 18-year-old died on the way to hospital on Friday after a circumcision at an illegal school," said Kupelo. "The second man, aged 22, died on Saturday." No arrests had been made. - ANA

THE man accused of raping a jogger just 2m from a busy road|in Howick, KwaZulu-Natal, earlier this month has been identified by his victim in a **police** identity parade. This was revealed in the Howick Magistrate's Court on Friday, where the 25-year-old accused applied for bail. The man will hear on Friday whether his bail application is successful. He is charged with the rape and robbery of a 38-year-old Joburg woman who had been visiting her parents at the time of the incident. She was raped in a roadside ditch less than 1km from her family home. The man is also accused of robbing the woman of her watch, tracksuit top and running shoes. - Sherlissa Peters

A MAN arrested for allegedly beating his two-year-old daughter to **death** is accused of having locked the child's mother in a separate room while he assaulted the toddler for about six hours. This is what the State will argue in the case against Christopher Williams, 32, who is accused of killing Zoey Petersen. Williams made his first appearance at the Athlone Magistrate's Court in Cape Town yesterday. He faces a charge of murder and assault with intent to do grievous bodily harm for allegedly beating Zoey's mother, Edwina Petersen. Williams applied for a Legal Aid attorney to represent him. The matter was postponed to July 21 for a formal bail application. - Natasha Prince

Two men were arrested for attempted robbery and possession of an unlicensed firearm at Kwanobuhle in the Eastern Cape, **police** said yesterday. **Police** spokeswoman Warrant **Officer** Gerda Swart said the incident occurred at about 9.30pm on Sunday. "Warrant **Officer** Jacobus Wyatt and Constable Wayne Menezes responded to the assistance of a

community member when two **armed suspects** attempted to hijack his VW Polo," said Swart. They chased and apprehended the men and seized an unlicensed 9mm firearm and rounds from the magazine. The two suspects were due to appear in the Kwanobuhle Magistrate's Court today. - ANA

A gangster tried to hide drugs from cops in his rectum. The 34-year-old, who is a member of the Mongrels gang, was nabbed on Friday in Cloete Street, Parow, in Cape Town, during an operation carried out by the metro **police's** gang and drug task team, K9 and Special Investigations Unit. While cops searched the man, they found dagga, tik and heroin in his possession, and were surprised to find some of the drugs hidden in his rectum. - Staff Reporter

THREE men arrested in connection with the **fatal** stabbing of Beerhouse doorman Joe Kanyona have been charged with premeditated murder. Ubaid van der Bergh, 20, from Zonnebloem, Toufiq Essa, 21, from Woodstock, and Nasbie Edwards, 27, from Ruyterwacht, in Cape Town, made their first appearance in the Cape Town Magistrate's Court yesterday. Kanyona, 32, a doorman for the drinking spot in Long Street, died on June 20 after he was attacked. Magistrate Joe Magele postponed the matter to July 23. - Natasha Prince

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HEADLINE: Didcot murders: Jed Allen pictured smiling happily with newborn sister as he's hunted over suspected killings:

Police have warned the public not to approach Jed after his sister Derin, mum Janet and partner Philip Howard were found knifed to **death**

BYLINE: By Sam Rkaina

BODY:

Smiling happily with his newborn sister Jed Allen poses for a picture for the family album.

Wearing a smart black shirt, Jed, then just a teenager, beams for the camera as he gently holds little Derin.

Friends of the family commented under the picture "what a handsome fella!" and Jed jokes back in a reply: "I look like a spoon, but Dez looks happy tho".

The picture was taken in February 2009 - six years before tragedy and horror was to strike at the heart of the family.

The 21-year-old groundsman is being hunted by **police** after the bodies of his mother, Jan Jordon, 48, her partner Philip Howard, 44, and his little sister Derin, 6, were found inside their home in Vicarage Road, Didcot.

Police say all three are believed to have been knifed to death.

This evening officers released pictures of Janet and her daughter wearing a princess outfit in tribute.

The image were met with message of grief from the public on Thames Valley Police Facebook page.

One, Debbie Harris said: "God bless you all xxx Derrin you beautiful angel xx"

Another, Charley Lawson, said: "Rip u can be a princess forever little one xx"

Detectives with police dogs were today continuing the hunt for Janet's son Jed in connection with the killings.

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Cops have cordoned off an Oxford city centre park in connection with the **deaths**, after putting out an appeal to trace him earlier today.

Teams of **officers** wearing riot gear were spotted moving into Oxford University Parks this afternoon, and a forensic tent has been set up in the grounds of the historic site.

Jed Allen Didcot murders: Live updates as police launch manhunt

Police have warned the public not to approach Allen, who was revealed on his social media profiles to have a fascination with comic book characters like X-Men's Wolverine.

On his Instagram page Allen has numerous pictures of the Marvel character along with a Wolverine 21st birthday cake.

In one shot he poses with a makeshift version of the character's iconic, razor-sharp claws and in another from 10 months ago, Allen can be seen showing off a hunting-style knife approximately 10 inches long with the caption 'today's purchases'.

Another picture of the same weapon has the caption 'you call that a knife' a reference to the film Crocodile Dundee.

The former Oxford University groundsman's Instagram account is filled with hundreds of pictures, with many featuring his distinctive tattoos.

Police alerted the public to keep an eye out for the spider on his left hand, but he also appears to have a scorpion on his right and a bear on his chest.

His social media account shows a keen interest in comic book characters including the violent vigilante The Punisher, and the Spiderman villain Venom.

Police launched the manhunt following the grim discovery after a member of the public alerted cops.

Thames Valley **Police** say Allen has a distinctive spider tattoo on his left hand.

Police believe Allen is still in the area and have urged the public not to approach him.

Investigating officer, Det Supt Chris Ward, head of the Thames Valley Police Major Crime Unit, said: "The likely cause of deaths is stab wounds in relation to the search for the suspect we are taking out a number of searches.

"Armed officers are assisting with that search.

"The suspect has a weapon."

Det Supt Ward said the searches are ongoing and intelligence led and that cops are still looking for the Allen.

He urged anybody has any information "about happened in this road then we would like them to come forward."

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incident."

"Jed is white, about 6ft, of stocky build, and has a distinctive tattoo of a spider on his left hand," the spokesman added.

"If you see Jed please do not approach him, instead call 999 immediately.

"We would urge anyone with any other information 5756228 about the incident to contact us via 101 quoting a new reference number of 465 (24/5).

"Did you see or hear anything suspicious in Vicarage Road yesterday? If you did then we want to hear from you."

Important police appeal to hunt man with spider tattoo over triple murder at house

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HEADLINE: Non-fatal shooting of 14-year-old boy by Colton police justified, DA says

BYLINE: Doug Saunders

BODY:

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The report said Dimas was dispatched to an apartment complex in the area of San Bernardino Avenue and Sycamore Avenue in Colton for a fight involving five people.

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HEADLINE: Hunt for son after murder of six-year-old girl and parents

BYLINE: Dominic Kennedy

BODY:

The University of Oxford's parkland was sealed off by armed **police** yesterday in their hunt for a man wanted in connection with the murders of a couple and their six-year-old daughter.

Jed Allen, 21, a former university groundsman, is the son of the dead woman, and the killings are being blamed on a domestic incident.

Police released a photograph of Mr Allen, who has a tattoo of a tarantula covering most of the back of his left hand and a scorpion on the right. His chest has a tattoo of a bear. **Police** say people should not approach the **suspect**, who is believed to be **armed**. Janet Jordon, 48, her daughter Derin and Philip Howard, 44, were found dead in Vicarage Road, Didcot, 12 miles south of Oxford, on Saturday night.

Ms Jordon's Facebook page is full of photographs of her family, including one of Mr Allen holding his little sister.

Detective Superintendent Chris Ward, the head of the Thames Valley **police's** major crime unit, said: "The likely cause of **death** is stab wounds. We are carrying out a number of searches. **Armed officers** are assisting. The **suspect** has a weapon."

Police were called to the redbrick town house at 8.23pm. The victims, who had been living in it for only about two months, were pronounced dead after ambulance staff arrived.

Oxford University Parks, a 70-acre area of parkland beside the Cherwell, was closed yesterday. Armed **officers** with shields and dogs could be seen on the lawns. A **police officer** guarded the locked gates.

Mr Allen's social media pages indicate that he is a fan of fantasy comics and films. He has at times tried to adopt the look of Wolverine, a character from X-Men, complete with a quiff, bushy sideburns and blades coming out of his hands.

His username on the Kik messaging service is WolverTooth. He wrote on Facebook last summer: "Work's turned sour already. Fed up of being treated like dirt. I quoted Batman."

He has uploaded a picture of himself at work holding an axe, and another of a knife he bought, using the hashtag #crocodiledundee. A gym enthusiast, he has used the nickname Mr Meat Tank. He recently uploaded the quotation: "Once you have accepted your flaws, no one can use them against you."

Police were also searching for Mr Allen in Didcot.

Mr Ward said: "The first appeal is to look for a chap called Jed Allen - he is now a suspect. He is ... 6ft tall, he is of large build but, distinctively, he has a tattoo on his left hand of a spider.

"It is very important we locate him as quickly as possible. I don't believe there is any danger to the wider community. If anyone sees him they should not approach him. Anyone with information about him I am genuinely appealing for them to contact us.

"We have **officers** actively looking for him at the moment. We know he has connections with Oxfordshire. We have carried out inquiries last night at addresses he might be. At this stage the families of the victims have been informed and they are being looked after by specialist, trained **officers.**"

Floral tributes began piling up at the murder scene. A yellow teddy bear was placed inside the police cordon.

A handwritten tribute on a bunch of flowers said: "To my best friend, my soul mate, Jan, Dezzy and my anorexic Phil and my gorgeous Jed. You are my family and always will be. I will miss you all each day. You have all left a massive void in my heart which will never be filled."

GRAPHIC: Jed Allen has tattoos of a spider and a scorpion on his hands and used the name Mr Meat Tank on social mediaThe bodies of Janet and Derin Jordon were discovered at their home in Didcot

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HEADLINE: Third teen charged in hammer killing of Bosnian immigrant in St. Louis

BYLINE: By Joel Currier St. Louis Post-Dispatch

BODY:

ST. LOUIS o A third teenager has been charged in the hammer slaying of Bosnian immigrant Zemir Begic in the city's Bevo Mill neighborhood.

Juan Carlos Fabian-Lutz, 16, was certified as an adult and charged Tuesday with first-degree murder and armed criminal action.

He was ordered jailed in lieu of \$1 million cash-only bail.

Police say that about 1:15 a.m. on Nov. 30, Fabian-Lutz and three other teens exchanged words as Begic, his girlfriend and two other friends walked past them and got in Begic's car parked near Gravois Avenue and Itaska Street.

Police said one of the teens jumped on the back of Begic's car and began hitting it.

Begic then got out and exchanged more words with the teens.

He was attacked and struck with what **police** said was more than one hammer.

Darrian Johner, 16, of the 3500 block of Minnesota Avenue, was charged in February in the **fatal** beating. Robert Mitchell, 17, turned himself in to **police** less than 24 hours after the incident and has been charged with first-degree murder and **armed** criminal action.

A fourth suspect identified in court records only as "T.K." has not been charged in Begic's death.

Begic was killed amid elevated racial tension in the St. Louis area about a week after a grand jury decided not to indict a white Ferguson **police officer** for fatally shooting a unarmed black teenager. Some claimed that Begic was attacked because he was Bosnian; the suspects are white, black and Hispanic, according to authorities. **Police** said the investigation has not revealed a racial motive.

Fabian-Lutz lives in the 4100 block of Eichelberger Street.

Begic's youngest brother, Rasim Begic, 20, of Waterloo, Iowa, said he and his family are hoping for justice.

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"It's not easy looking at the pictures of the boys who killed my brother," he said in an email.

"And I wish it never happened. We as a family miss him a lot. He will live within us forever."

GRAPHIC: Zemir Begic, 32, with his fiancée, Arijana. Begic was killed in a hammer attack on Nov. 30, 2014. Juan C. Fabian-Lutz Darrian Johner, of St. Louis, was charged with first-degree murder and armed criminal action. Robert Joseph Mitchell, of St. Louis, was charged with first-degree murder and armed criminal action in the death of Zemir Begic. "I am scared to come here anymore," said Rasema Mujkanovic, who rearranges some of the teddy bears at the memorial for Zemir Begic on Friday, Dec. 5, 2014, in St. Louis. . "I am so glad we moved to the county. The city is not safe here anymore," said Mujkanovic. Begic was was bludgeoned to death with a hammer on Sunday by a group teenagers. Photo by Laurie Skrivan, lskrivan@post-dispatch.com Bosnians march along Gravois Road on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 to protest the murder of Zemir Begic in St. Louis. Police blocked traffic as hundreds of people marched from Holly Hills Avenue down Gravois Road to Itaska Street where Begic was killed. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com Bosnians march along Gravois Road on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 to protest the murder of Zemir Begic in St. Louis. Police blocked traffic as hundreds of people marched from Holly Hills Avenue down Gravois Road to Itaska Street where Begic was killed. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com A growing memorial to Zemir Begic as seen on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014. Photo By David Carson, dcarson@post-dispatch.com

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HEADLINE: Deadly force by US police compounds global disdain

BYLINE: The Nation

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HEADLINE: Police expert says Fayetteville shooting captured by leaked video was justified

BYLINE: Paul Woolverton, The Fayetteville Observer, N.C.

BODY:

May 19--A former **police** chief who teaches at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York thinks a Fayetteville **police officer** acted appropriately when he shot and killed Nijza Lamar Hagans in January 2013.

Separately, lawyers for the city of Fayetteville on Monday ended their effort in federal court to keep secret from the public a video of the shooting following its publication last week by The Intercept online news website and other media outlets, including the Observer. The person who leaked the video has not been identified.

Hagans' father Reggie Hagans has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against the city over Nijza's death.

Officer Aaron Lee Hunt, who is American Indian, shot and killed 22-year-old Nijza Hagans, who is black, during a traffic stop in a residential driveway off South Virginia Avenue of Morganton Road. Hagans had a gun poking out of his pocket, Hunt said afterward, and appeared to reach for it before pushing the car's door into Hunt and jumping out.

Hunt fired three times at Hagans' front as Hagans came out of the Ford SUV and rushed past him, the video shows. He fired two more times at Hagans' back as Hagans tried to run away. Autopsy evidence appears to show he was hit twice from the front and twice in the back.

"Once a person is armed ... then he is immediately a threat, and poses a deadly threat to life and limb of the **officer**," said Associate Professor John DeCarlo of the Department of Law, **Police** Science and Criminal Justice Administration at John Jay. DeCarlo watched the video of the shooting.

When Hagans pushed the car door into Hunt and moved out of the car toward Hunt, DeCarlo said, Hunt couldn't know if Hagans intended to shoot him, fight him or run away, "but we know that he has a gun and the outcome couldn't possibly be good. So the **officer** is not required to get shot at in order to take action."

Under North Carolina law and federal court rulings, the shots to Hagans back are permissible, DeCarlo said.

"It's a shame that anyone has to lose their life over a traffic stop," he said. "However, the totality of the circumstances clearly say that he remains an **armed suspect**, still able to turn around and shoot you, even though he's running away."

DeCarlo is a former chief of **police** in Branford, Conn.

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The lawsuit contends the traffic stop was illegal, conducted as a pretext to search Hagans' vehicle as part of a pattern of racially motivated traffic stops by Fayetteville **police officers**.

"At no time during his encounter with Defendant Hunt did Nijza Lamar Hagans point, hold, brandish, reach for, display, or otherwise use or threaten to use a weapon of any kind," the suit says.

The city was trying to keep the video of the shooting from being made public. State law allows **police** departments to keep from the public videos such as this one, made by camera on the dashboard of Hunt's **police** cruiser. It says in court papers that in lawsuits such as this, normally it obtains a court order telling plaintiffs' lawyers, such as Billy Richardson and Chuk Umerah in Hagans' case, they must not share the video with anyone. But the city failed to do that this time.

After the city's lawyers realized this, they requested that the video and other items be returned by Richardson and Umerah. The city followed up with by filing a motion to ask a judge to make Richardson and Umerah give up the materials. In court papers, the city's lawyers contend that Richardson and Umerah were obliged to keep the video and four other items of evidence secret until the judge made a decision on the matter.

The paperwork also says that Richardson proposed an out-of-court settlement in which the video would be kept secret.

Richardson, in papers filed last week, counters that the video and other materials weren't required to be kept secret and the city's lawyers waived their option to keep the video privileged from public dissemination.

With the publication of the video last week, the city's lawyers conceded that their request is now moot.

Jimmie Buxton, head of the Fayetteville branch of the NAACP, viewed the video last week.

The organization has been outspoken in cases in which it thinks **police officers** were wrong in **police** shootings. But in this case, Buxton said, the organization is withholding comment while the lawsuit is pending.

"I just suggest that anybody that's interested, needs to see the full tape and hear the sound" of when the shots were fired, Buxton said. Staff writer Paul Woolverton can be reached at woolvertonp@fayobserver.com, in Raleigh at 919-828-7641 or in Fayetteville at 910-486-3512.

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HEADLINE: Police kill drug suspect armed with grenade

BODY:

Police killed a drug trader wanted on multiple charges on Sunday in Muang district after he resisted arrest by trying to attack **police** with a hand grenade.

Pol Sub Lt Sathit Samosorn, a duty **officer** at Muang Surat Thani **police** station, and a colleague were patrolling when they came across a man and a teenage woman having a heated argument in front of Rin Thong housing estate.

When the **officers** approached the pair, the man, identified later as Sanit Chantana, 39, who appeared to be under the influence of drugs, held out a grenade to threaten them, then hijacked a passing pickup truck and sped off.

Pol Sub Lt Sathit radioed other officers to intercept the armed suspect.

Sanit abandoned the truck in an alley in Makham Tia sub-district after he was shot in the back by **officers** who were pursuing him and went into hiding in a pond in a forested area.

About 50 policemen surrounded the pond and urged him to surrender. Sanit agreed to come out of the pond after more than an hour. **Police** ordered him to keep his hands in the air and turn around.

The suspect initially kept his hands on his head but then grabbed the grenade from under the water and tried to pull the safety pin when **officers** approached.

Other **officers** immediately opened fire.

Pol Col Wisut Poopansri, chief of Muang Surat Thani **police** station, described the explosive device as an anti-personnel grenade with a destructive radius of 15 metres.

Surat Thani **police** chief Pol Maj Gen Apichart Boonsriroj said Sanit was wanted on several drugs warrants issued in the province. He had previously fought with an anti-drug **police** unit who tried to catch him when he was using firearms and grenades.

The suspect was a henchman of Jaknarin Chankomol, 29, leader of a major drug gang in Surat Thani who was killed by **police** in June last year, Pol Maj Gen Apichart said.

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HEADLINE: WASHINGTON:SIRR Team Activated for In-Custody **Death**

DATELINE: Spokane

BODY:

City of Spokane, The State of Washington issued the following news release:

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Today, 05/13/2015, just before 6:00am, patrol **officers** from SPD responded to the 5400 block of N. Addison on the report of domestic violence. Information from the complainant was that a female and male were arguing and the male had possibly hidden a gun on the side of the residence. **Officers** were able to determine there was a domestic violence no-contact order in place and the suspect was in violation of that order. The order made it illegal for him to possess firearms. **Officers** took the suspect into custody without incident and located a firearm at the residence. They also noted that the suspect appeared to be "high". He was talking with **officers** prior to the transport and admitted to "drinking something".

The suspect was transported to Spokane County Jail to be booked for Unlawful Possession of Firearm and Felony Violation of a Domestic Violence No Contact Order, which under Washington law is a mandatory booking. While in route to jail, he began kicking on the back of the patrol car. Officers notified jail staff to prepare for an uncooperative male. Jail staff met the patrol car in the sally port, where the suspect was uncooperative. Jail staff escorted the suspect, still handcuffed, into the booking area. Because he continued to be uncooperative, jail staff prepared to place him in a restraint chair to keep him from hurting himself or others. During that process, he had a medical emergency.

Resuscitation efforts were started immediately by correction **officers**. Jail medical staff and Spokane City Fire medics were called to assist. At the time he was transported to the hospital, the suspect did have a pulse. Later, at the hospital, he was declared deceased.

This is preliminary information based on initial reports of the incident.

This is an ongoing investigation.

This continues to be an active and ongoing investigation. SIRR Team detectives will continue to process evidence, including video from the jail, interview witnesses and interview all the **officers** involved with this incident.

The SIRR Team is comprised of multiple agencies in Eastern Washington, including the Spokane County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, Spokane Police Department, and Airway Heights Police Department.

The Spokane County Medical Examiner will release the name of the deceased individual as well as the official cause of **death.**

The Washington State Patrol is the managing agency in this incident. All future communications on this incident will be sent via the SIRR Team. Once the SIRR Team investigation is complete, the case will be forwarded to the Spokane County Prosecutor's Office for review.

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HEADLINE: WASHINGTON:SIRR Team Activated for In-Custody **Death**

DATELINE: Spokane

BODY:

City of Spokane, The State of Washington issued the following news release:

The critical incident protocol has been invoked and the Spokane Investigative Regional Response (SIRR) Team is investigating an in-custody **death** that occurred this morning. **Officers** from the Spokane **Police** Department arrested the suspect this morning after being called to the 5400 block of N. Addison for a domestic violence call where the **suspect** was allegedly **armed** with a rifle. The **suspect** was transported to jail and later suffered a medical emergency. He immediately received life-saving medical attention, but later died at a local hospital.

Today, 05/13/2015, just before 6:00am, patrol **officers** from SPD responded to the 5400 block of N. Addison on the report of domestic violence. Information from the complainant was that a female and male were arguing and the male had possibly hidden a gun on the side of the residence. **Officers** were able to determine there was a domestic violence no-contact order in place and the suspect was in violation of that order. The order made it illegal for him to possess firearms. **Officers** took the suspect into custody without incident and located a firearm at the residence. They also noted that the suspect appeared to be "high". He was talking with **officers** prior to the transport and admitted to "drinking something".

The suspect was transported to Spokane County Jail to be booked for Unlawful Possession of Firearm and Felony Violation of a Domestic Violence No Contact Order, which under Washington law is a mandatory booking. While in route to jail, he began kicking on the back of the patrol car. Officers notified jail staff to prepare for an uncooperative male. Jail staff met the patrol car in the sally port, where the suspect was uncooperative. Jail staff escorted the suspect, still handcuffed, into the booking area. Because he continued to be uncooperative, jail staff prepared to place him in a restraint chair to keep him from hurting himself or others. During that process, he had a medical emergency.

Resuscitation efforts were started immediately by correction **officers**. Jail medical staff and Spokane City Fire medics were called to assist. At the time he was transported to the hospital, the suspect did have a pulse. Later, at the hospital, he was declared deceased.

This is preliminary information based on initial reports of the incident.

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HEADLINE: public safety briefing

BYLINE: NICOLE NORFLEET; DAVID CHANEN; TIM HARLOW; PAUL WALSH; KAREN ZAMORA; STAFF

WRITERS, STAR TRIBUNE (Mpls.-St. Paul)

HIGHLIGHT: Mpls. settles suit by ex-captains

BODY:

The city of Minneapolis has reached a nearly \$63,000 settlement with a group of former **police** captains who sued Chief Janeé Harteau, claiming she pushed for their retirement and later reassigned them to inferior positions. After Harteau became chief in 2012, she made clear her intent to enforce the previously negotiated elimination of the captain rank and spoke publicly about her desire for older employees to retire. The captain positions were replaced with five "commander" slots that gave her the ability to appoint whomever she wanted, according to the lawsuit filed in Hennepin County District Court last fall. None of the former captains was selected as a commander, and all were slated for demotion to lieutenant if they did not retire.

NICOLE NORFLEET AND DAVID CHANEN

2 arrested in carjacking, chase

Police say four suspects kidnapped and threatened a disabled veteran during an **armed** carjacking that ended with one **suspect** being shot by **police** Thursday in north Minneapolis. **Officers** were called to 21st and Bryant Avenues N. around 4 a.m. on reports of a kidnapping, said spokesman John Elder. Earlier, a resident was reportedly carjacked near 12th and Knox Avenues N. and forced into his vehicle.

Officers spotted the victim's car, and during a foot chase, **police** fired and struck one of the **suspects**, who was believed to be **armed**, authorities said. Two **suspects** were arrested, including the one who was shot, **police** said. **Police** are searching for the other two assailants.

TIM HARLOW

Autopsy: Drowned woman drunk

A Stillwater woman who disappeared in late April, setting off a search that ended with her body being found May 2 in

the St. Croix River, was extremely intoxicated at the time of her **death**, authorities said Thursday. Abbey Kae Russell, 24, died from freshwater drowning, and no foul play is suspected, according to the Ramsey County medical examiner's office. Test results showed Russell had a blood alcohol content of 0.336 percent, more than four times the legal limit for driving in Minnesota.

PAUL WALSH

Clown player facing sex charges

A 57-year-old man known in Princeton, Minn., as "Friendly" the clown has been charged with sexually assaulting a 20-year-old woman with mental difficulties numerous times. Robert J. Jensen, of Princeton, is scheduled to appear in court next week on three counts of third-degree criminal sexual assault and three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct. Jensen remains held in the Mille Lacs County jail.

PAUL WALSH

Man gets 5 years for tax evasion

A Twin Cities health care products entrepreneur and longtime tax protester has been sentenced to five years in prison for running up a bill of more than \$600,000 in back taxes, interest and penalties. The sentencing of Michael A. Schlegel, 56, of Corcoran, in federal court in Minneapolis last week follows his conviction by a jury on three counts of tax evasion, three counts of failing to file tax returns and conspiracy to defraud the federal government. No restitution was ordered by Judge Patrick Schiltz as part of the sentence, but Schlegel remains liable to the IRS.

PAUL WALSH

Ex-cop given longer sentence

A former Minneapolis **police officer** who lured adolescent girls into sexual encounters via social media was resentenced Thursday in Anoka County District Court after the Minnesota Court of Appeals overturned a previous lighter-than-recommended sentence. Bradley Schnickel, 34, was sentenced to 102 months in prison, taking into account good behavior and time served, meaning he has 32 more months to serve for five felonies that he pleaded guilty to in May 2014. Originally, he was to have been released in June.

KAREN ZAMORA

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SUBJECT: SUITS & CLAIMS (91%); CARJACKING (90%); KIDNAPPING & ABDUCTION (90%); LITIGATION (90%); SETTLEMENT & COMPROMISE (90%); SEX OFFENSES (89%); TAX LAW (89%); SENTENCING (89%); TAX ENFORCEMENT (89%); LAW COURTS & TRIBUNALS (89%); SEXUAL ASSAULT (89%); CORRECTIONS (89%); TAX FRAUD (89%); TAXES & TAXATION (88%); CRIMINAL OFFENSES (88%); CITY LIFE (78%); PROTESTS & DEMONSTRATIONS (78%); JURY TRIALS (78%); DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (78%); ARRESTS (78%); FINES & PENALTIES (77%); ELDER LAW (77%); EMPLOYEE DEMOTIONS (76%); JAIL SENTENCING (75%); EVIDENCE (75%); COUNTY GOVERNMENT (75%); VERDICTS (75%); CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS (75%); PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS (73%); OLDER WORKERS (72%); AUTOPSIES (69%); CORONERS COURTS & OFFICES (64%); HEALTH CARE (62%)

PUB-SUBJECT: YOUTH; SENTENCE; ROBBERY; VEHICLE; MINNEAPOLIS; **POLICE**; LAWSUIT; SEX CRIME; FRAUD

PERSON: PAUL WALSH (58%)

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HEADLINE: Hostel residents accuse cops after **fatal** shooting

BYLINE: TANKISO MAKHETHA

BODY:

A MAN was shot and killed in the Mamelodi West Hostels - allegedly by a police officer - on Saturday evening.

Class Modibe was killed as he was walking along a passage in the hostel while **police** were apparently conducting a crime prevention operation.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Lungelo Dlamini refuted the claim, saying the incident occurred when an **armed** man tried to free detained **suspects** during the operation.

"When police confronted him a shoot-out ensued and a bystander was fatally shot," Dlamini said.

However, this is in contrast to what hostel dwellers said.

They accused the **police** of lying and claim the shooting was a result of an extortion gone wrong.

Zizi Selala said Modibe was shot after a **police officer** failed to solicit a bribe from him.

Selala, who regularly plays dice at the hostel, said they were harassed daily by **police officers**.

"When the **police** came on Saturday I ran away because they had just taken money from me the previous day," said Selala.

"Then they started shooting at me and that's when they shot Class because I was running in his direction.

"The officer started shooting randomly at some point because I was already out of his vision," he said.

Selala said it had become a nightmare living at the hostel because of the constant harassment they experienced.

"Police always come here and demand money for one thing or another.

"If you don't give them they arrest you on a bogus charge. I was tired of it and decided I was going to run away this time," Selala said.

Chairman of the hostel residents' association Daniel Sello said it was regrettable that a life had been lost at the hands of law enforcers.

"It's always a struggle.

"Those guys just play their dice and do not bother anyone but the police are always harassing them," he said.

Dlamini said **police** were investigating a case of murder but no arrests had been made.

"The Independent Police Investigative Directorate (Ipid) has opened a case on the shooting.

Ipid spokesman Moses Dlamini was not available for comment yesterday.

l In his State of the City Address, mayor Kgosientso Ramokgopa said the city was exploring turning the hostels into bachelor units, rather than family units as had originally been planned because this would be more affordable to those living there who were unemployed or working in the informal sector.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: PN

SUBJECT: SHOOTINGS (92%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); INVESTIGATIONS (89%); MURDER (78%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (78%); BRIBERY (78%); **POLICE** FORCES (78%); **POLICE** MISCONDUCT (78%); EXTORTION (77%); CRIME PREVENTION (72%); FAMILY (63%)

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HEADLINE: Police hunt knifeman after couple and girl, 6, found hacked to death

BYLINE: John Twomey

BODY:

A TATTOOED murder suspect was being hunted in the historic grounds of Oxford University yesterday after his six-year-old sister, his mother and her partner were hacked to **death.**

Armed police shut down 70 acres of picturesque parkland as they searched for knife-obsessed Jed Allen, 21.

The former college groundsman has an intimate knowledge of the parkland, used by cricket and rugby teams as well as rowing squads.

Detectives named him as a suspect after the mutilated bodies of the girl and the couple were found at a house on Saturday night.

The victims were named as Philip Howard, 44, Jan Jordon, 48, and her daughter Derin.

Police said Allen is related to them but it later became clear he is Ms Jordon's son.

Anyone who spots Allen is urged not to approach him but to dial 999 immediately.

The stocky six-footer, who often wears a baseball cap, has several tattoos including one of a large, black spider on his left hand.

Detective Superintendent Chris Ward, from Thames Valley **Police's** Major Crime Unit, said: "It is very important that we locate him as quickly as we can."

Police closed the 70-acre University Parks, south of the city centre on the banks of the Thames, or Isis as it is called in Oxford.

Traumatic Marksmen along with a squad of 20 **officers** with dogs and riot shields moved through the parks yesterday afternoon. Part of the search centred on a pavilion.

The **police** appeared to be focusing on the north-east of the parks close to where the River Cherwell flows into the Thames. **Police** warned passing tourists that the parks would be shut all day.

"There are a large number of officers who have been deployed to find the suspect," said Mr Ward.

Armed police were drafted in for the safety of the searching **officers** and there was no suggestion Allen had a gun, he added.

The alert for Allen was issued after **police** found the bodies of the victims in a house in a quiet street in Didcot, 13 miles south of Oxford, at about 8.20pm on Saturday.

Officers went to the property after a call from a neighbour, police said.

Post mortem examinations are due to be carried out today but Mr Ward said: "The likely cause of each of their **deaths** is stab wounds."

Allen appears to have a fascination with knives. He posted several photographs of himself on social media wielding various vicious-looking knives and an axe.

He also posed as the comic superhero Wolverine holding three clawlike blades between the fingers of each hand.

Allen, who has bushy side burns, seems to have modelled himself on the Wolverine character played by Hugh Jackman in the X-Men series of films.

It is understood the couple and Derin moved to the house in Didcot a few months ago.

Before that, they lived for many years in a house just over a mile away, where Allen was regularly seen, according to neighbours. Sheila Welch, a neighbour in Didcot, said yesterday that the couple and child always looked "happy". Ms Welch said: "They are new neighbours and had only been here a couple of months.

"I used to see them - a lovely mother and a little girl. They always looked so happy."

Describing the scene when **police** turned up on Saturday night, Ms Welch said: "It was about half past eight and there were just sirens and **police** cars. All I can say is that I am very upset, it is all very traumatic."

A neighbour at the couple's former home said: "The little girl was always on her bike with her mum. "She was really nice, she used to smile and say hello when she saw you in the street."

Another ex-neighbour told how they moved away suddenly. She said: "One day they were gone. We didn't see any removal van until the new neighbours moved in."

Several addresses linked to Allen were visited by **police** yesterday.

Forensic experts examined the murder scene. The bodies of the three victims were not moved until about 4.30pm.

Toys and flowers were left at the scene. Ms Jordan and Mr Howard had children by previous relationships who were being looked after by specialist, trained officers.

Mr Ward said: "We offer our condolences to the family. This is obviously a tragic and sad event." Allen attended the Marlborough School in Woodstock, north of Oxford. He lives in Didcot, according to his Facebook page.

GRAPHIC: The murder victims Derin, Jan Jordon and Philip Howard and suspect Jed Allen, who has a spider tattoo, insetPolice on duty at the murder scene in Didcot. Armed **officers** and dogs were yesterday searching 70 acres of parkland in Oxford

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RIOTS (77%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (72%); DOGS (72%); RUGBY (71%); SELFIES (60%)

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HEADLINE: LAPD officers pursue, shoot armed domestic violence suspect in El Monte

BYLINE: Brian Day

BODY:

EL MONTE >> Los Angeles **police** shot and critically wounded an **armed** domestic violence **suspect** in El Monte early Friday at the conclusion of a two-hour car chase that began in South Los Angeles, authorities said.

The wounded suspect was rushed into surgery and hospitalized in critical condition following the shooting, which took place about 5:30 a.m. at Valley Boulevard and Mountain View Road, Los Angeles police Lt. John Jenal said.

The incident began two hours earlier, when **officers** from the LAPD's Southeast Division responded to a report of a domestic assault in the are of 96th Street and Firth Avenue, the lieutenant said. They encountered a victim with significant injuries, but the suspect had already left.

Video: Pursuit and officer-involved shooting (Note: Graphic content)

Officers spotted the suspect driving a white Toyota minivan nearby and began a pursuit when he failed to pull over, Jenal said.

The slow speed chase continued for about two hours, primarily on surface streets, Jenal said. **Officers** saw him waving a weapon.

Police used a spike strip to flatten the minivans wheels, but the suspect continued driving on the van s rims.

He stopped the minivan and exited at Elliot Avenue and Cogswell Road, Jenal said. **Police** first shot at the man with a bean bag gun before opening fire with bullets, he said. The suspect, who was not struck by the gunfire, returned to the minivan and continued driving.

The minivan again came to a stop, apparently disabled, at Valley Boulevard and Mountain View Road.

He put a blanket over him as he exited the van, to the point where you could not see his hands, Jenal said. Shortly thereafter, the blanket fell to the ground. In his hand, he brandished that same handgun, that s when the **officer**-involved shooting occurred.

Jenal said the suspect suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was in very critical condition at an intensive care unit. His identity was not available. He was initially described as about 30 years old.

LAPD officers pursue, shoot armed domestic violence suspect in El Monte Whittier Daily News (California) June 20, 2015 Saturday

Graphic video of the incident that emerged online showed the suspect brandishing a handgun in the moments before he was shot. The view of the suspect is obscured at the moment **police** open fire.

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LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLES (92%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (91%); SHOOTINGS (91%); **POLICE** FORCES (90%); DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (90%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (89%); **DEATHS** & INJURIES BY **POLICE** (89%); INTENSIVE CARE UNITS (77%); FIREARMS (76%)

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HEADLINE: HUNT AFTER 3 BUTCHERED IN KNIFE HORROR;

Tattooed Wolverine fan goes on run asmum, stepdad and girl of 6 found dead

BYLINE: JERRY LAWTON

BODY:

ARMED **police** were last night hunting a Wolverine fan with a spider tattoo suspected of butchering three members of his family.

Detectives warned the public not to approach Jed Allen, 21, who sports bushy sideburns just like the X-Men character and is believed to be **armed**.

The 6ft-tall **suspect** vanished after his mum Janet, 48, his stepdad Philip Howard, 44, and his half-sister Derin, six, were found stabbed to **death** at their home in Didcot, Oxon, at 8.23pm on Saturday.

Police yesterday sealed off 70 acres of Oxford University parks as they searched for the former groundsman, who has a distinctive spider tattoo on his left hand.

On his Instagram page Allen has numerous pictures of his Marvel Comics hero, including one showing a Wolverine 21st birthday cake.

In another snap he poses with knives between his fingers to look just like the character's razor-sharp claws.

He shows off a 10in hunting knife in a further pic. It is captioned: "Today's purchases." Another photo of the same weapon bears the message: "You call that a knife?" - a reference to a joke from 1986 comedy movie Crocodile Dundee.

Allen, who also posed with an axe, appears to have a scorpion tattoo on his right hand and a bear etched on his chest. Det Supt Chris Ward, leading the investigation, said **officers** were involved in "a number of searches" for Allen. He added: "**Armed officers** are assisting with that search. The **suspect** has a weapon.

"It is very important we locate him as quickly as possible. It is important we find him."

A **police** spokesman added: "If you see Jed please do not approach him. Instead call 999 immediately." Allen is a former groundsman at Oxford University and is listed online as an apprentice gardener on Didcot Town Council's website.

HUNT AFTER 3 BUTCHERED IN KNIFE HORROR; Tattooed Wolverine fan goes on run asmum, stepdad and girl of 6 found dead Daily Star May 25, 2015 Monday

Police launched the manhunt after the three victims' bodies were discovered following a call to **police** by a member of the public.

The family had only been living in the house for two months. Neighbour Sheila Welch said that, although she did not know them, they always looked "happy".

She added: "They are new neighbours and had only been here a couple of months.

"I used to see them, a lovely mother and a little girl. They always looked so happy.

"All I can say is that I am very upset, it is all very traumatic." A former neighbour who lives near the family's old home, also in Didcot, said Janet used to take Derin cycling.

She said: "The little girl was always on her bike with her mother. She was really nice. She used to smile and say hello when she saw you in the street." Last night tributes to the victims began pouring in. One read: "God bless you all xxx Derrin you beautiful angel xx."

Wolverine is a fictional superhero who first appeared in Marvel Comics in the 1970s.

He is a mutant who possesses animal-keen senses and enhanced physical capabilities. He has been depicted as one of the X-Men, Alpha Flight and The Avengers but has featured in his own solo comic since 1988.

The character has appeared in an animated TV series and video games and was played by Australian Hugh Jackman, 46, in the seven X-Men movies.

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GRAPHIC: WIPED OUT: Derrin, mum Janet and, below right, stepdad Philip. Below left and centre, spider tattoo and **armed officer** in search SUSPECT: Allen with axe, Wolverine claws, mask and knifeHERO: Jackman

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: DST

SUBJECT: CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (89%); HOMICIDE (89%); INVESTIGATIONS (78%); STEPPARENTS (76%); PHOTO & VIDEO SHARING (74%); POLICE FORCES (73%); REGIONAL & LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (64%); CYCLING (60%); COMEDY FILMS (51%); CITIES (50%); CITY GOVERNMENT (50%)

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HEADLINE: Quick Take

BODY:

POLICE are searching for seven awaiting-trial prisoners who escaped from Lenasia Magistrate's Court yesterday. It is understood that the prisoners overpowered the **police officers** at the holding cells and fled at about 4pm. "The prisoners had already appeared in court for robbery with aggravating circumstances and housebreaking and theft," said Gauteng **police** spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Lungelo Dlamini. He said the prisoners were appearing for cases committed at Lenasia, Eldorado Park and Ennerdale. Dlamini urged anyone with information to contact the **police** on Crime Stop at 08600 10111. The suspects' names are Johnson Leroy, Romeo Beukes, Luvesh Veerasmy, Dumisani Selepe, Thabiso Sebelwane, Mpho Ramatsoale and Brendon Paul. - Kgopi Mabotja

Two people died yesterday morning when their cars collided head-on on the N12 just outside Joburg, paramedics said. ER24 spokesman Pieter Rossouw said the accident happened near the Bapsfontein off-ramp. "The collision involved two cars and two drivers. When paramedics arrived on the scene, they found that both drivers had been killed on impact," Rossouw said. The cause of the crash was unknown. - ANA

The daughter-in-law of a 67-year-old KwaZulu-Natal murder victim was arrested yesterday along with two other suspects, **police** said. "Intsikeni **police** worked tirelessly to apprehend the suspects after they discovered the body of a 67-year-old woman at Mncwaba township in Umzimkhulu," Major Thulani Zwane said. "**Police** embarked on an intelligence-driven operation which led to arrest of three suspects, aged between 25 and 40. One of them is the deceased's daughter-in-law." The victim, Alice Ntombencane Dlamini, was found dead in her bedroom on May 28. "She was allegedly assaulted and strangled with an electric cord," Zwane said, adding that the motive remained unknown. - ANA

Police allegedly shot dead an armed robber who opened fire on them in the Yako informal settlement outside Butterworth, Eastern Cape police said yesterday. Spokesman Captain Jackson Manatha said police attended to an armed robbery on Saturday after two liquor outlets were robbed by two men. One suspect was armed with a pistol and the other had a knife. They searched customers in the outlets, demanding their cellphones and money. They also robbed a manager at one of the outlets of an undisclosed amount of money. Butterworth police responded swiftly and came across the suspect who was armed with the pistol. He apparently fired shots at the police, who returned fire. The suspect died instantly at the scene. The second suspect fled into the settlement. - ANA

A 72-year-old KwaZulu-Natal induna and a man of 62 were arrested yesterday for possession of unlicensed firearms and ammunition during a crime prevention operation, KZN **police** spokesman Major Thulani Zwane said. Pietermaritzburg Public Order **Police** Task Team Unit members were deployed in the Msinga area where they followed

up information about illegal firearms. Both suspects were charged and were due to appear in the Msinga Magistrate's Court yesterday. - ANA

TWO ZIMBABWEANS accused of stealing copper cables at Kleinfontein farm near Brits had been arrested, North West **police** said yesterday. One of the men was shot and wounded, allegedly by the owner of the farm. The second one was apparently severely assaulted while they were being held by residents before **police** arrived on the scene, Sergeant Kelebogile Moleko said. "The owner said he was contacted by his nightwatchman and was informed that two people were busy stealing cables. The farmer rushed to the scene and caught them in the act. He fired two warning shots on the ground and the men jumped into a nearby dam," he added. "He saw that one had been wounded in the left thigh." The suspect who was allegedly beaten was in a critical condition at Brits Hospital, Moleko said. Both men, aged 31, were arrested and charged with theft. They are under **police** guard in the hospital. - ANA

THE GOVERNMENT would be sourcing drugs in short supply outside the country because of problems with sourcing medicine locally, the Health Department said yesterday. Health Minister |Dr Aaron Motsoaledi met executives from pharmaceutical companies on Friday and was informed that the firms were experiencing problems supplying about 155 product lines. It included antibiotics, cardiovascular medicines, painkillers and central nervous system medication. The drugs were expected to arrive in the country in the next two weeks. - ANA

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BODY:

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He was the second person to be found dead in **police** custody this week.

The suspect was one of an armed gang of more than five men who were involved in a shootout with the police.

A police officer was wounded.

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The suspects had stormed a Shoprite liquor store in Diepkloof armed with handguns and assault rifles before they confronted staff members and demanded money.

"They fired several shots and robbed the staff of more than R10 000. No one was injured at the liquor shop," said Dlamini.

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During the shootout that ensued, a **police officer** was shot three times. Several vehicles, including a **police** van, were damaged by stray bullets.

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HEADLINE: Robbery pays better in Kogi -Suspect

BYLINE: Our Reporter

BODY:

A suspect has revealed that armed robbery pays better in Kogi than in Lagos State.

By CHRISTOPHER OJI

A suspect has revealed that armed robbery pays better in Kogi than in Lagos State.

Akinropo Ogunsina, 32 and his native doctor accomplice, Jimoh Akeem, are being interrogated at the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Lagos State **Police** Command.

"I was working in a Chinese company before I was sacked. I bought a motorcycle for commercial.

"I also did black market fuel business. I bought fuel from Ijaw oil pipeline vandals. I paid N2,500 for 50 litres and sold for N3,200."

He disclosed that when **police** were raiding the business premises daily, he abandoned it and joined an armed robbery gang.

"I met Sunday David in Agbara area. Then, I used to sleep in a club at Agbara. He said I should be going out with him to tear nets at night and steal people's phones and monies. We were collecting phones, jewelry, laptops and money.

"I have gone out for operation six times with Sunday. We operated in Egbeda and Agbara. We went out for operation about 12 midnight. I was arrested in 2013, and charged to court. I was released on bail. I don't know how much my friends and family spent to get me out of prison.

"I went to Okene in Lokoja area of Kogi State. One guy, Alhaji, who I used to sell stolen phones, gold and laptops to, directed me to Lokoja. He stays in Agege, Lagos. He directed me to meet one Adeshe and work with him. They operated like those people in Lagos."

"I spent only one month there and worked for about three times with him. I had a misunderstanding with him over women. He threatened to deal with me, so I came back to Lagos. I have not done any job since I came back to Lagos.

On some of the properties he acquired with robbery money, Akinropo said he bought a Honda car. When he came out of prison for N680,000. It was the little money with my wife, about N90,000 and the job we did in Okene that I put together to buy the car.

"I got over a million Naira from Okene operation. That is why I said that robbery pays better in Kogi than in Lagos. In Lagos, people don't keep big money at home, but in Kogi, they keep money at home. Moreso, in Lagos, **police** will be chasing you up and down.

"There was a big man we robbed in Okene. The money was so big that I got over a million naira. We were four in number who went for the operation. I knew Jimoh Akeem in 2010. He disguised as a herbalist. We were operating together when we were tearing nets.

"We were also deceiving and collecting money from people who came to do medicine for gun protection. He also deceived people that he could change fake dollars for good ones. At-times, he gave me N5,000 after doing the herbalist job and the highest he had given me was N10,000," he said.

For the self-acclaimed herbalist, Jimoh, 20, he said: "I am married with two children, I have two wives. I once lived in Ikorodu and later in Iwo. I built a house in Iwo. I have two cars, Murano SUV and KIA Altima.

"I stole fake dollars from the man who asked me to change it for him. That was how I started using it. I have gone out for net-tearing-robbery operation with the gang for four times."

He, however, said that unlike his colleague, he had not gone to prisons before as he was never arrested.

"I got peanuts from the three operations I have gone out with the gang. I got N70,000, N80,000 and N100,000.

Lagos State police spokesman, Kenneth Nwosu, confirmed the arrest of the duo.

He said Akinropo had also been arrested in 2013 for robbery and charged to court, but was released in 2014.

According to him, Akinropo led SARS team to arrest Jimoh in Iwo, Osun State.

He said one locally-made gun was recovered in Jimoh's house.

Funsho Williams' murder: Court rejects fresh suit

By LUKMAN OLABIYI

A suit filed by Mr. Bashir Junaid, a former political associate of National Leader of All Progressives Congress (APC), Bola Tinubu, seeking fresh investigations into the murder of the governorship aspirant, Funsho Williams, has been struck out.

The suit was dismissed on Wednesday by a Federal High Court sitting in Lagos presided over by Justice Rita Ofili-Ajumogobia, following an application based on want of diligent prosecution. The court also awarded N25,000 cost against Junaid. He is to pay the money to the Inspector-General of **Police** (IGP) and the Attorney-General of the Federation, who had asked the court to strike out the matter with cost.

Williams, an aspirant of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), was on July 27, 2006 strangled to **death** at his residence, 34A Corporation Drive, Dolphin Estate, Ikoyi, Lagos.

A Lagos High Court sitting in Igbosere had, on June 30, 2014, discharged six accused persons charged with the murder.

They are Bulama Kolo, Musa Maina, David Cassidy, Tunani Sonani, Mustapha Kayode and Okponwasa Imariebie, who were freed eight years after by retired Justice Ebenezer Adebajo, who held that the prosecution failed to establish a prima facie case against them.

Junaid filed the fresh application seeking an order of mandamus compelling the Inspector-General of **Police** to re-open investigations into the assassination, with the hope of possible fresh trial.

In the suit, he had fingered as a prime suspect, Tinubu, against whom the late Williams had been racing for the office of governor before his killing.

Other defendants were the APC Legal Adviser, Dr. Muiz Banire; Mr. B[#x430]b[#x430]tund[#x435] Edu; Mr. Dele Al[#x430]k[#x435], Mr[#x455].M[#x43e]du[#x440][#x435] Shasore and Ol[#x430]d[#x435]l[#x435] Aj[#x430]l[#x430]l[#x435], Lagos State APC Chairman.

Others were the IGP, the Attorney-General of Lagos State and the Lagos Commissioner of Police.

When the matter was called on Wednesday, the plaintiff's counsel, Miss O. Benjamin, referring to an earlier order made by the court, said, "My Lord, the matter is for mention today, unfortunately, we've not been able to obtain the order as we were told that the court is ill."

But Ofili-Ajumogobia, who did not take kindly to the comment, disagreed.

Beninoise driver docked for stealing N1.65m from boss

BY LUKMAN OLABIYI

A 34- year- old driver and a Beninoise, Innocent Togboe, has been arraigned before a Lagos Magistrate's Court sitting in Igbosere over alleged stealing of N1.65million from his employer.

The defendant who has no fixed address, was docked before Magistrate F Dalley.

Togboe, who is facing one-count charge of stealing, pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor, Inspector Gbemileke Agoi, told the court that the accused person committed the offence on August 28, 2013 in Victoria Island, Lagos.

Agoi said the defendant stole the said sum from Mr Ladi Ajose-Adeogun, his boss.

"The defendant stole the money after taking his boss to a gym. While there, the driver searched the car, and took the money from where it was kept, he then dropped the car keys on the seat and fled."

The prosecutor said Togboe was later apprehended after his guarantor caught him.

After his arrest, Togboe confessed to have committed the crime and had gone to his home country, Benin Republic, built a four-bedroom flat with the money and returned to Lagos.

The prosecutor said the offence is punishable under Sections 285 (7) of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria 2011.

Magistrate Dalley granted the defendant bail for N50,000 with two sureties in like sum.

She adjourned the matter till May 7 for mention.

2 detained for robbery

By CHRISTOPHER OJI

The Delta State **Police** Command has arrested two robbery suspects.

The police also recovered a single barrel gun, live cartridges, ATM card and N5,600 from them.

The anti-crime patrol team in company with the town's vigilance group while on patrol responded to a distress call from a woman.

She told the team that she was just robbed at gun-point by two boys. The team immediately chased the hoodlums, they were arrested in the bush.

The state **Police** Public Relations **Officer** (PPRO), Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the arrest, gave the names of the suspects as Gabriel Jonathan and Egbevwiare Ogheneroro.

She said they confessed to the crime and the police recovered gun, cartridges money and ATM card.

She said the victim has identified her ATM card and money while the **police** were investigating to ascertain if there were other gang members, noting that the suspects will soon be charged to court.

New IGP: Arase's kinsmen thank Jonathan

By CHRISTOPHER OJI

Esan Renaissance Union (ERU) Edo State chapter, has commended President Goodluck Jonathan for appointing Mr Solomon Arase, one their kinsmen, as the new Acting Inspector-General of **Police** (IGP).

President of the group, Mr Aigbefo Irieteoshe Jnr had at a conference, said the appointment of Mr. Arase was very much in order. In a statement jointly signed by the union president and secretary, Messrs Irieteoshe and Jude. Ihichoya, the union condemned a former IGP, Ibrahim Coomassie for attacking President Goodluck Jonathan over the removal of the former police boss, Mr Suleiman Abba, saying the former's statement was not good for democracy.

"In as much as others, like former Presidents Olusegun Obasanjo and the late Shehu Umaru Yar'Adua hired and fired other men who were IGPs, Jonathan has the right to appoint and fire IGPs"

The union disclosed that if given the necessary logistics and support by the Federal Government, Arase, by his pedigree would deliver.

Similarly, a security analyst, Mr Folorunsho Atta has said Arase's appointment came at a time when the nation needed a transformer for the incoming government of Gen. Muhammadu Buhari.

"Arase had always proved that he has what it takes to not only move the force to the next level, but make it the best in Africa."

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HEADLINE: Woman found shot to **death** in Salinas

BYLINE: By Herald staff

BODY:

A Salinas woman was found shot to **death** early Saturday at an apartment complex in the 900 block of Acosta Plaza, **police** said.

Officers responded to an apartment at the location after area residents reported gunshots about 2:20 a.m. On arrival they found the body of Nancy Jimenez Campos, 25, who police say had died from multiple gunshot wounds.

Witnesses or anyone who may have information about the incident are asked to contact Detective Byron Gansen at 758-7131 or Detective Kristine Fairbanks at 758-7322. Tipsters also may call the Anonymous Tip Line at 775-4222 or the We-Tip-Line at 1-800-78-CRIME.

Salinas

Police search for bank robbers >> Salinas **police** are searching for three **suspects** in connection with the **armed** robbery of a bank in the 1200 block of North Davis Road on Saturday.

Cmdr. Dave Crabill said the incident occurred shortly after 10 a.m. when two men entered a RaboBank wielding firearms, while a third waited in the parking lot in what turned out to be a previously reported stolen vehicle.

Witnesses described one suspect as 6-foot to 6-foot-4, wearing a black sweatshirt and sweatpants. He also wore white gloves and carried a black revolver. The second suspect was 5-8, wearing black pants and a black jacket, and was carrying a black semiautomatic pistol.

A Salinas police officer located the suspect vehicle abandoned near Westridge Parkway.

The FBI was contacted and responded to assist in the investigation. There were no injuries to employees or patrons at the time of the crime, and an unknown amount of money was taken, **police** said.

Salinas

Kipling Drive robbery >> A woman was robbed at knifepoint Friday afternoon after she confronted a suspect in her yard in the 200 block of Kipling Drive.

Police said the victim heard a loud sound coming from her backyard, walked outside, and confronted a man in his 20s,

approximately 5 feet 2 inches tall with a thin build and straight black hair, wearing a brown hooded sweatshirt, khaki-colored pants and

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white cotton gloves.

The suspect, who had a knife, ordered the victim back into the residence, where he opened cabinet drawers in the living room and dining room. He then forced the victim into the upstairs bedroom, where he opened multiple dresser drawers.

He demanded money, then fled the residence and was spotted by several witnesses as he leaped over several fences. He was last seen running northbound on Primavera Street to Primavera Way.

An extensive neighborhood check was conducted by Salinas police officers and detectives.

Two unlocked vehicles in the 1300 block of Byron Drive had items stolen from inside, **police** said. It is believed that these area thefts are related to the residential burglary and that the victim was not specifically targeted.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Gerry Magana at 758-7129 or Detective Dale Fors at 758-7124.

Salinas

suspected of shooting doves >> Illegal pellet guns were confiscated Friday by Salinas **police** from two 17-year-old male students who may have been shooting at birds near Palma High.

Police were dispatched to the 900 block of Iverson Street, near Ambrose Drive, just before 8 a.m. after a citizen reported that suspects associated with a white pickup truck were shooting rifles in the Ambrose Drive neighborhood.

The license plate number of the vehicle was provided to **officers**, who contacted the suspects and found three scoped pellet rifles and one pellet pistol inside the truck.

A further search revealed concentrated cannabis honey oil and one dead Eurasian collared dove.

Officers from the Department of Fish and Game responded to assist in the investigation and determined that the suspects probably were shooting doves within the city limits, which is illegal.

The students were issued citations and released to their parents for several city code violations, penal code violations and CCR title 14 violations.

One of the teens also was cited for possession of concentrated cannabis.

Police

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HEADLINE: On the run 'killer' cop armed to the teeth

BYLINE: Graeme Hosken

BODY:

They wanted to kill all **suspects** to hide evidence

A HEAVILY armed policeman alleged to have killed three murder suspects is on the run.

The detective was based at Springs **police** station, on the East Rand. He is believed to be armed with his state-issued R5 rifle and hundreds of rounds of ammunition.

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BYLINE: Graeme Hosken

BODY:

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BYLINE: Brian Day

BODY:

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LAPD officers pursue, shoot armed domestic violence suspect in El Monte Whittier Daily News (California) June 19, 2015 Friday

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HEADLINE: Jumping the gun

BYLINE: alicia yager alicia.yager@thmedia.com

BODY:

Lt. Brad Shannon anticipates members of the Dubuque **Police** Department's tactical team will receive more calls than usual in the months leading up to the U.S. presidential election.

Shannon, who is taking over as head of the tactical entry team, said the team's duties include assisting Secret Service when dignitaries - primarily political candidates or sitting presidents and vice presidents - make stops in Dubuque.

"With a presidential election, we can get called a lot," Shannon said. "We assist with whatever they require."

Shannon and other entry team members recently completed their 10-hour monthly training at the law enforcement shooting range north of Dubuque. A key component of that training involves marksmanship, though members also practice entry approaches, clearing buildings and other scenarios.

Entry team

The Dubuque **Police** Department's tactical team actually is comprised of three different teams, according to Assistant **Police** Chief Terry Tobin. Along with the entry team, the department also has **officers** trained for the rifle/observer team and the negotiation team.

The entry team has 12 members overseen by a lieutenant and a captain, and the rifle/observer and negotiation teams each have six members overseen by a lieutenant.

Tobin said the tactical entry team is primarily called for serving arrest and search warrants when the people involved are considered dangerous. Tobin said team members also are trained to search for **armed suspects** who have fled into wooded areas. There also are three paramedic firefighters that can accompany the entry team to calls.

In 2012, the entry and rifle/observer teams assisted with visits from President Barack Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

Tobin said the presidential candidates generally do not receive Secret Service details unless they are a nominated candidate or there are threats against them early in the campaign.

"When Obama first ran, he got Secret Service right away because of death threats," Tobin said.

Should a dignitary be targeted in an attack, the **police** department's teams would immediately stage in that area and handle the threat while Secret Service rushes the politician away from that area, Tobin said.

Rifle/observer team

Tobin said the rifle/observer team also completes about 10 hours of training per month and can function as snipers. But the team's primary use is to gather intelligence during investigations.

"They're also responsible for pre-raid surveillance and observation of the target area to get us intelligence before **officers** move in," Tobin said.

Department records show the entry and rifle/observer teams responded to the same nine calls in 2014, most of which were for search warrants for guns or narcotics. The two teams have assisted on one search warrant so far in 2015, and the entry team and negotiators assisted U.S. Marshals in arresting a federal fugitive.

Negotiation team

Tobin said the negotiation team does not have set monthly training, though members will attend out-of-town training sessions when feasible and will meet every few months to talk about recent incidents and review procedures.

Members of the negotiation team will respond for people who have barricaded themselves or have taken hostages with the threat to harm themselves or others.

Department statistics show the team was called out once in 2012 for an arrest warrant with a dangerous person, as well as once in 2013 to assist in arresting an **armed** domestic-assault **suspect**.

Continuous training

Because the teams often work in tandem, they will also have full group training at least once per year, Tobin said.

"That generally will be scenario- type training that they'll work through," Tobin said.

Tobin said because the teams are not regularly needed, team members also work in other areas of the department, including as patrol **officers**, criminal investigation **officers** and school resource **officers**.

Shannon, who has been on the tactical entry team for almost 10 years, said a key component of monthly training is repetition of different shooting positions, both to keep marksmanship sharp and to ingrain the movements in each **officer's** mind. "We want it to be muscle memory," Shannon said. "They need to know how to react."

Tobin said some citizens might not realize the department has a tactical response team, which actually is the point. Tobin said the teams are designed to use the element of surprise and to move quickly and quietly to get the job done.

"We don't always use the full complement of teams either," Tobin said. "When we deploy the teams, we want to draw the least amount of attention possible. We try to be low-key."

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

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HEADLINE: Family of slain man fear killer may go scot-free

BYLINE: TANKISO MAKHETHA

BODY:

THE FAMILY of a man who was shot and killed at Mamelodi West hostel say they fear that those responsible for the killing may not be held accountable.

Class Modiba died while walking down a passage in the hostel when **police** were conducting a crime prevention operation.

This was in contrast to what witnesses claimed; that Modiba was killed by a rogue **police officer** who was extorting money from gamblers in the hostel.

Modiba's brother, Jack, said very little had been done regarding the investigations as witnesses were afraid to come forward with information regarding the shooting.

"People are scared to come forward with information about what happened. The investigating **officer** said witnesses were reluctant to give statements, because they were scared that the **police officer** who shot Modiba might come back for them since he had not been arrested," said Jack.

Modiba, who was a resident at the hostel, was described as a peaceful man by his brother. He was shot and killed on Saturday, May 23. Witnesses said he was hit by a stray bullet fired by a **police officer**.

Zizi Selala, one of the witnesses, said at the time that Modiba was shot after a **police officer** attempted and failed to solicit a bribe from him.

Selala alleged the **officer** harassed them daily and arrested them unlawfully.

Selala said after they refused to give the **officer** a bribe, an argument ensued and the **officer** pulled out his gun and fired randomly. One of the bullets, Selala alleged, hit Modiba and killed him.

Police spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Lungile Dlamini refuted the claim, saying the shooting occurred when an **armed** man attempted to free **suspects** who had been arrested during the **police** operation.

He said a case of murder was being investigated, but no arrests had been made.

Modiba said the family opened a case with the Independent **Police** Investigative Directorate (Ipid) but no arrests had been made.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: PN

SUBJECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); DEATHS & INJURIES BY POLICE (90%); EYEWITNESSES (90%); INVESTIGATIONS (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); WITNESSES (90%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (89%); ARRESTS (89%); MURDER (78%); BRIBERY (77%); POLICE FORCES (72%); CRIME PREVENTION (72%); EXTORTION (72%)

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HEADLINE: Five militants killed as attack on ex-Malir SSPs convoy foiled

BYLINE: Imtiaz Ali

BODY:

Five suspected militants were killed in an alleged encounter when they attacked the convoy of the former Malir senior superintendent of **police** on Saturday evening in the same area where a deputy superintendent of **police** along with his guard and driver was gunned down a day earlier.

Former Malir-SSP Rao Anwar Ahmed Khan told Dawn that he was going to examine the crime scene in Gulshan-i-Hadeed where Bin Qasim DSP Abdul Fatah Sangri was killed on Friday.

He said that due to lack of proper security, he had not visited the crime scene on Friday.

The **officer** said armed men riding three motorbikes and travelling in a car lobbed a hand grenade and opened fire on his vehicle when his convoy was on the link road between the National Highway and the Superhighway. He said he and other officials travelling in the armoured personnel carrier of **police** remained unhurt. In retaliatory fire opened by his **police** guards, the car driver was killed on the spot, he said. As the **suspects** tried to flee, his guards **armed** with G-3 rifles took positions and killed four of them, while an equal number of suspects managed to escape, the SSP said.

Rao Anwar claimed to have seized the car, one motorcycle, weapons and hand grenades from their custody.

The **police** said the identity of the suspects, who sported beards, could not be ascertained immediately though the **officer** said he believed they were militants.

The SSP said the dead men could have links with the banned militant outfits as he said he had been facing threat from the Al-Qaeda in the Indian Subcontinent (AQIS) and different groups of the outlawed Tehreek-i-Taliban Pakistan such as the Shaharyar group and the Sajna group.

The **officer** was transferred on Thursday night following his press conference in which the Muttahida Qaumi Movement was accused of its involvement in terrorist activities. The **police** chief removed him from the position on the charge of misusing his authority, after Chief Minister Syed Qaim Ali Shah had taken serious notice of the press conference and sought a report from the **police** chief on the matter within 24 hours.

Meanwhile, Karachi-East DIG Munir Ahmed Shaikh told Dawn that the **police** investigators found some leads to the targeted killing of DSP Bin Qasim Fatah Sangri, head constable Nazeer Ahmed and constable Farooq Ahmed.

He said sketches of the assailants had been prepared with the help of witnesses. The investigators also had obtained footage to examine and identify the attackers who must have done a recce before targeting the DSP.

The senior **officer** recalled that in 2001 nine policemen had been gunned down in the same area of Gulshan-i-Hadeed. He said the **police** investigators were trying to ascertain if the Friday morning attack had any links with that incident.

In reply to a question, the **officer** said the **police** in their initial findings suspected involvement of banned militant outfits in the killing of the DSP, his guard and driver.

"DSP Sangri may not have taken active part against the militants, but he might have been targeted for being a senior police officer," said the DIG East.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: SHOOTINGS (90%); INVESTIGATIONS (89%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (89%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (89%); **POLICE** FORCES (89%); **DEATHS** & OBITUARIES (88%); TERRORIST ORGANIZATIONS (78%); TERRORISM (78%); WITNESSES (78%); BOMBS & EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (78%); TERRORIST ATTACKS (78%); MILITARY WEAPONS (74%); MOTOR VEHICLES (74%); MOTORCYCLES (74%); AL-QAEDA (73%); PRESS CONFERENCES (62%)

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HEADLINE: Tree at San Jose hospital dedicated to fallen **Officer** Michael Johnson

BYLINE: Bay City News Service

BODY:

SAN JOSE - An annual celebration today for emergency medical services partners at Regional Medical Center of San Jose included a special ceremony for fallen **Officer** Michael Johnson.

A Japanese maple tree was dedicated to Johnson outside of Regional Medical Center's emergency room, hospital spokeswoman Bev Mikalonis said.

Johnson was shot and killed by an **armed suspect** while responding to a call for service on March 24. He was a San Jose **police officer** for 14 years and the 12th **officer** killed in the line of duty since the department was founded in 1849.

Hospital president and CEO Michael Johnson, who has no relation to the fallen **officer**, led the dedication and unveiled a bronze plaque placed on a rock in front of the tree.

The plaque reads, "We are forever grateful for the sacrifice you have made to protect and serve our community. To honor the life, strength, and bravery of **Officer** Johnson, this tree is planted in his memory."

His mother, Katherine Decker, and wife, Nicole Johnson, attended the ceremony, where they were presented with a duplicate plaque, Mikalonis said.

The celebration at Regional Medical Center was held in appreciation of the hospital's ONE TEAM, which Johnson was a part of as a **police officer**, Mikalonis said.

ONE TEAM is a partnership between Regional Medical Center and the city's **police officers**, firefighters, ambulance drivers and military personnel.

About 450 people attend the annual event, which includes a barbecue lunch cooked by the ONE TEAM.

The event was held in conjunction with National EMS Week, which continues through Saturday.

Local officials at today's event included San Jose City council members Magdalena Carrasco, Ash Kalra and Raul Peralez and police Chief Larry Esquivel.

Tree at San Jose hospital dedicated to fallen Officer Michael Johnson San Jose Mercury News (California) May 23, 2015 Saturday

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GRAPHIC: Mother and wife of fallen San Jose **police Officer** Michael Johnson receive a plaque during a special ceremony at Regional Medical Center. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM YAMAMOTO/REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF SAN JOSE)

Plaque placed in front of tree dedicated to fallen San Jose **police Officer** Michael Johnson at Regional Medical Center. (PHOTOS COURTESY OF TOM YAMAMOTO/REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER OF SAN JOSE)

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HEADLINE: LAPD **officers** shoot, wound suspect;

Police say man pulled gun on **officers** after a two-hour pursuit that ended in El Monte.

BYLINE: Ruben Vives, Kate Mather

BODY:

A man suspected of assaulting a woman in South Los Angeles was shot by LAPD **officers** after a two-hour pursuit that ended in El Monte.

The suspect, whose name has not been released, was wounded during the second of two shootings that happened in the San Gabriel Valley city. LAPD **Officer** Matt Ludwig said the man had a gun.

Ludwig said two **officers** responded about 1 a.m. Friday to a domestic violence call in the 9300 block of Firth Boulevard. The two **officers** were speaking with the female victim when they noticed the male suspect driving away in a white Toyota minivan.

"They attempted to do a traffic stop, but he did not stop and a pursuit started," Ludwig said. The chase was at low speeds, he said.

"At some point during the pursuit, he called CHP and notified them that he was armed," Ludwig said of the suspect.

Once in El Monte, the man stopped the minivan at Cogwell Road and Elliot Avenue and got out. Officers opened fire.

LAPD Lt. John Jenal said it was unclear what exactly happened during that shooting, but he said there was no initial evidence to suggest that the man had been struck. The suspect got back into his vehicle and drove off.

Ludwig said **officers** used a spike strip to disable and stop the minivan, but the man continued driving with flat tires. The minivan came to a stop about half a mile away from the scene of the first shooting, at Mountain View Road and Valley Boulevard.

The man got out of the vehicle holding a blanket. He dropped it at one point and brandished a gun, according to Jenal and Ludwig. Officers fired again.

The suspect was taken to a hospital, where he remains in critical condition, Ludwig said.

Jenal called the incident "very complex" and said the investigations into both officer-involved shootings -- routine after

LAPD officers shoot, wound suspect; Police say man pulled gun on officers after a two-hour pursuit that ended in El Monte. Los Angeles Times June 20, 2015 Saturday

such incidents -- were in their preliminary stages. Police said no officers were injured.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: MOTOR VEHICLES (92%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (91%); POLICE FORCES (90%); DEATHS & INJURIES BY POLICE (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (89%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (78%); POLICE MISCONDUCT (78%); DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (78%); INVESTIGATIONS (77%)

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HEADLINE: Ex-bodyguard of former Juárez police chief arrested in execution-style killings in 2012

BYLINE: Daniel Borunda, El Paso Times, Texas

BODY:

May 19--A Juárez **police officer** was arrested Monday in connection with the execution-style shooting of four people three years ago, the Chihuahua state attorney general's office said.

Jose Luis Arreola Rodriguez, who had been a bodyguard to then Juárez **police** chief Julian Leyzaola Perez, is accused of taking part in the **deaths** of three young men and a woman found April 24, 2012 near the San Rafael cemetery in the outskirts of Juárez, officials said in a news release.

Arreola faces four homicide charges and an attempted murder charge as part of an investigation that officials said could lead to more arrests.

The arrest comes three days after Leyzaola, who was wounded in a May 8 shooting in Juárez, told the Zeta newspaper in Tijuana that a gunman told him before pulling the trigger that the shooting was a "message" from current **police** chief Jesus Antonio Reyes, who has denied the allegations.

The Chihuahua attorney general's office said that Arreola's arrest follows a recommendation made last month by the National Commission on Human Rights asking for an investigation into Leyzaola and the **police** department.

State prosecutors identified those killed in 2012 as Alejandro Martinez Rodriguez, 16, Jesus Efrain Rodriguez Gavirio, 17, Jose Juan Villanueva Leal, 18, and Veronica Cerros Olivas, 22. Prosecutors said a woman survived by pretending to be dead after being wounded.

The survivor told investigators that the group was detained by **police officers** at a park and were beaten because one of the **suspects** was allegedly **armed**, officials said. After being driven around, they were taken to dirt road near the cemetery and made to kneel with their heads covered.

The survivor told investigators she heard one of the **officer's** say "shoot each one three times in the head" but she was not shot because she pretended to be dead, officials said. The woman later walked through the desert and got help at the customs checkpoint on the Panamerican Highway.

Daniel Borunda may be reached at 546-6102.

Ex-bodyguard of former Juárez police chief arrested in execution-style killings in 2012 El Paso Times (Texas) May 19, 2015 Tuesday

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CREWS SEEK TO RECOVER NINE CRASH VICTIMS

JUNEAU, ALASKA Crews resumed recovery efforts Friday at a remote site in southeast Alaska where a sightseeing plane crashed, killing all nine people aboard.

Eight passengers and their pilot died when the DeHavilland DHC 3 Otter turboprop went down Thursday in Misty Fjords National Monument near Ketchikan.

The cause of the crash remained under investigation. The names of the victims have not been released pending notification of relatives.

Fires grow in Alaska, California. Fire crews are attacking intensifying wildfires in Alaska that together grew more than 450 square miles in one day.

The smoky wildfires prompted more residents to flee their home in voluntary evacuations.

Fire managers say 28 new fires were logged in the state Thursday, bringing the total to 316 fires burning almost 1,410 square miles. Much of the activity is taking place in Alaska's warm and parched interior.

Meanwhile, in California, a 10 day old wildfire chewed through more timber and brush in the San Bernardino Mountains, threatening thousands of homes and other structures as it stretched northeast into the desert.

The blaze about 90 miles east of Los Angeles had scorched more than 46 square miles by Friday much of that after roaring back to life at midweek. Residents of the tiny Mojave communities of Burns Canyon and Rimrock were ordered to leave their homes Thursday.

Hundreds mourn fallen **officer** CINCINNATI **Police officers** from around the country turned out Friday for a slain Cincinnati **officer's** funeral, where city officials, family and colleagues spoke of his devotion to duty and love for his family and his city.

Hundreds of people packed Xavier University's Cintas Center to honor 48 year old **Officer** Sonny Kim. **Police** say the 27 year veteran was killed June 19 by an **armed suspect** who had made 911 calls and was seeking "suicide by cop." The suspect was killed by **police**.

City Manager Harry Black called Kim a "true hero" and a model police officer.

Trump fires back at Univision new york Firing back at Univision for its refusal to air his Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants because of his comments about Hispanic immigrants, GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump has barred anyone who works for Univision from the greens of his Miami golf course.

In a letter Friday to Randy Falco, Trump advised the Univision CEO that "under no circumstances is any **officer** or representative of Univision allowed to use Trump National Doral, Miami its golf courses or any of its facilities."

Burning Man organizers fight back Reno, nev. Burning Man festival organizers are pushing back after the U.S. Bureau of Land Management requested upgraded accommodations for its officials at this year's event in the Nevada desert.

The federal agency asked for flush toilets, washers and dryers, hot water, air conditioning, vanity mirrors, refrigerators and couches at its on site camp, called the Blue Pit, The Reno Gazette Journal reported Friday. The toilets are also to be cleaned daily by Burning Man staff members.

Festival leaders have refused the request, saying those amenities alone would cost \$1 million and hike its permit fees to about \$5 million.

Prosecutor seeks split trials Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby wants a judge to order a separate trial for two of the six **officers** charged in the **death** of Freddie Gray.

In a motion filed Friday, Mosby asked a judge to allow two **officers**, William Porter and Lt. Brian Rice, to be tried separately from the four others.

Porter and Rice are each charged with reckless endangerment, misconduct in office, second degree assault and manslaughter, which is a felony.

Mosby's motion does not explain her strategy for trying Porter and Rice separately from the others.

Sgt. Alicia White faces the same charges as Porter and Rice, as does Caesar Goodson, who also faces a "depraved heart" murder charge. Officers Garrett Miller and Edward Nero face only misdemeanors.

Gray died in April of injuries received while in **police** custody.

Man dies after bee attack VALLE VISTA, Ariz. A man who was stung hundreds of times in a bee attack in western Arizona has died.

The Mohave County Sheriff's Office confirmed Friday that the man died Sunday at a hospital in Kingman.

John Wade was watching a property in Valle Vista, a community about 14 miles northeast of Kingman, June 12 when he was attacked by a swarm of Africanized bees and stung 500 to 1,000 times.

Hawaii bans sea cucumber harvesting Hono lulu The Hawaii Board of Land and Natural Resources has approved an emergency ban on the possession of sea cucumbers amid reports that people are harvesting the animals in large quantities for commercial purposes.

Sea cucumbers are highly prized for medicine and food in some countries.

Beaver attacks Oregon men bend, ore. A beaver protecting its dam attacked two central Oregon men, who fell into a river and were taken to a hospital.

Sgt. William Bailey of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office says the men were exploring Thursday night when they

climbed onto a beaver dam and got attacked by the animal protecting its turf.

The injuries are not considered life threatening. Denver Post wire services

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

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COMPANY: CINTAS CORP (53%); RENO GAZETTE JOURNAL (50%)

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HEADLINE: Transient killed behind library; Second man stabbed survives altercation

BYLINE: Ana Ceballos; aceballos@montereyherald.com @ceballosap on Twitter

BODY:

ABSTRACT

monterey homicide

FULL TEXT

Monterey >> Police are on the hunt for a suspect considered to be armed and dangerous after a male transient was stabbed to death late Thursday behind the Monterey Public Library.

The unidentified 40-year-old was getting ready to go to sleep in an outdoor quad area behind the library when an altercation ensued, **police** said. A 22-year-old male transient was also stabbed during the fight but survived.

Police identified Jesse Quiming, 32, as the sole suspect in the double-stabbing. Quiming is not in custody and **police** say he is considered armed and dangerous. They are asking that citizens do not approach him, but instead to call 911 if seen.

Quiming was identified as the suspect following statements from witnesses, including the younger victim, and further investigation of the crime scene, Monterey **police** Lt. Marty Hart said.

Just before midnight, a resident near the library flagged down an **officer** to report a "disturbance" behind the library. **Police** arrived within minutes and found the 40-year-old unconscious and not breathing. The 22-year-old sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was talking to paramedics on his way to Natividad Medical Center.

Monterey Fire Division Chief Stewart Rothe said the 22-year-old's hands were also injured. The victim said the cuts were a result of him trying to defend himself from the attacker.

A motive for the double-stabbing is not yet known, and a weapon has not been recovered, police said.

The library was closed for about six hours on Friday as the quad area was cleaned up and investigators collected more evidence from the scene. Droplets of blood were splattered in an area of the library that is usually safe and welcoming, said library director Bill Michael.

Transient killed behind library; Second man stabbed survives altercation Monterey County Herald (California) June 20, 2015 Saturday

"This is our home," Michael said. "(Transients) are part of our community, they are human beings. People may get in an argument, but never violence."

Michael said transients frequent the library just as much as kids and adults, adding that the library "serves everyone." He said he wants to assure the community that despite the "tragic" **death** late Thursday, the library, which closes at 8 p.m. at the latest and is located directly in front of the **police** and fire departments, is a "very safe place to visit."

Quiming, who has a criminal record on the Monterey Peninsula, is a transient who frequents the Monterey area. Although he remains at large, **police** believe he remains nearby.

This is the third homicide in Monterey this year. The two previous killings were also stabbing deaths.

Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call Detective Bryan Kurse at 646-3812.

Ana Ceballos can be reached at 726-4377.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: HOMICIDE (92%); INVESTIGATIONS (89%); **DEATHS** (89%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (78%); WITNESSES (78%); LIBRARIES (77%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (77%); PUBLIC LIBRARIES (77%); PARAMEDICS (66%)

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HEADLINE: Watch moment Dylann Roof was arrested for Charleston church shooting rampage after 14-hour manhunt:

The man suspected of brutally killing nine innocent churchgoers can be seen being pulled out of his car and frisked

BYLINE: By Anthony Bond

BODY:

This extraordinary video shows the moment Charleston church shooting **suspect** Dylann Roof was arrested by **armed police.**

Cops can be seen following a black car after receiving a call from somebody suspecting that the man who allegedly killed nine innocent churchgoers was inside.

Video footage from the **officer's** dashboard camera shows cops pull over the suspected racist gunman in Shelby, North Carolina.

One **officer** then pulls Roof - who had been on the run for 14 hours - out of the vehicle before he is frisked. Despite being the centre of a huge **police** manhunt both the cops and Roof seem remarkably relaxed.

Eventually Roof is placed in a **police** car before a group of **officers** show their relief by high-fiving each other.

It has since emerged that Roof was given a Burger King meal by **police** after his arrest.

The confessed killer told officers who seized him he was hungry and had not eaten since before the attack.

Police chief Jeff Ledford said they bought him food from a nearby Burger King.

"He was very quiet, very calm. He didn't talk," Ledford said. "He sat very quietly."

Hours after shooting nine churchgoers dead, racist gunman Dylann Roof was treated to a Burger King meal by police.

The confessed killer complained of being hungry following his arrest after carrying out his massacre at the Emanuel

Watch moment Dylann Roof was arrested for Charleston church shooting rampage after 14-hour manhunt; The man suspected of brutally killing nine innocent churchgoers can be seen being pulled out of his car and frisked irishmirror.ie

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African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina last Wednesday.

Charleston victims, pictured below:

Charleston Shooting Victims

After the shooting he fled in his black Hyundai car 250 miles north where he was finally apprehended in Shelby after 14 hours on the run.

Now the **police** chief whose **officers** arrested Roof has revealed cops bought him a Burger King meal after he said he hadn't eaten since carrying out the assault.

Jeff Ledford said the killer refused to answer any question put to him by his staff and that the only conversation he had was about food.

Ledford said **police** bought him food from a nearby Burger King. "He was very quiet, very calm. He didn't talk," Ledford said. "He sat down here very quietly. He was not problematic."

Roof had been found with .45-calibre handgun in his car and told armed **police** "I am Dylann Roof" when he was arrested.

He is reported to have shown no remorse and expressed racist views as he later confessed to the crime to the FBI.

The gunman has since been charged with nine counts of murder and possession of a firearm in the commission of of violent crime.

If found guilty prosecutors as well as South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley have said they will seek the death penalty.

It comes as the relatives Roof's victim told him during his first court appearance on Friday they forgave him for the killings.

Many have said they would not want him sent to the **death** chamber.

Roof is currently being held in solitary confinement, where he is under 24-hour watch and only allowed out of his cell for 60 minutes a day.

As yet he has had no visits from his family or friends with the only person who has talked to him has being his lawyer.

His cell is next to the one holding former cop Michael Slager - the policeman accused of gunning down unarmed black man Walter Scott in April.

Victim's family member forgives Dylann Roof at emotional first court hearing

Roof, 21, is in cell 1141B at Charleston County Jail.

Slager, 33, who was seen on video shooting Mr Scott in the back, is in 1140B.

Sources at the Sheriff Al Cannon Detention Centre have said the two killers can talk to each other through shouting but both have refused.

"Roof is sitting quietly in his cell and not saying a word," said the insider.

"The only person he has conversed with is his lawyer.

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"It seems everyone else has washed their hands of him.

"He remains on suicide watch."

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PERSON: NIKKI HALEY (56%)

GEOGRAPHIC: CHARLESTON, SC, USA (91%) NORTH CAROLINA, USA (92%); SOUTH CAROLINA, USA (91%) UNITED STATES (92%)

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HEADLINE: Three **armed suspects** guarding Dr Mirzas DHA house arrested

BYLINE: IMTIAZ ALI

BODY:

Police on Friday claimed to have arrested three suspects outside the Defence residence of former home minister Dr Zulfikar Mirza and booked them for possessing illegal weapons, storming the Darakhshan **police** station and harassing policemen when the disgruntled PPP leader went there to record his statement.

SSP-Central Chaudhry Asad Ali, who has been given the additional responsibility of SSP-South, claimed that a **police** patrol arrested the three suspects Naik Mohammed, Sikander Ali Brohi and Mohammed Ibrahim and seized as many unlicensed sub-machine guns from them.

He said a case was registered against the suspects at the Darakhshan **police** station and during initial investigation they "disclosed that Dr Mirza provided them [the seized] weapons".

The SSP said that suspect Ibrahim was allegedly associated with the Lyari gang warfare.

Talking to Dawn, Darakhshan SHO Abdul Moid said that the former home minister would also be questioned in the light of the disclosures of the held suspects.

Earlier, several **police** vans besieged the residence of the former home minister and detained three of his supporters outside his house.

Mirza planning to go abroad on 30th

Later, Dr Mirza told reporters at his residence that the **police** had detained his guard, driver and a servant. The **police** had staged a drama outside his home by deploying over 20 **police** mobile vans including armoured personnel carriers, he said.

He alleged that a conspiracy had been hatched to kill him in **police** custody and for this purpose, the task had been given to a senior **police officer** who would administer him a lethal injection once he was inside an APC, which might cause his **death.**

He said that the special security unit (SSU) of the **police** was created to fight terrorism during his tenure as the home minister but now it had been reduced to providing security to VIPs, their families and friends.

In an apparent reference to the alleged removal of SSP-South Tariq Dharejo and some other **police** officials, Dr Mirza said that honest **police officers** had been removed because they refused to arrest him.

He launched personal attacks on the chief minister of Sindh and the newly appointed home minister and said he had got bail in all cases.

He proposed if **police** had any new case against him, the DIG and the SSP-South should come to him with an arrest warrant and he would surrender to them like any "law-abiding citizen".

Otherwise, he warned the **police** could not arrest him through "high-handed tactics" as he had 30-40 guards loyal to him who were willing to sacrifice their lives to save his.

He hoped the judiciary would provide him justice and disclosed that he was planning to leave the country on May 30 for the treatment of his wife, former speaker of the National Assembly Dr Fahmida Mirza, and said he would inform the media before departure.

He said that he would visit the shrines of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Shahnawaz Bhutto, Mir Murtaza Bhutto and Benazir Bhutto after returning from abroad and would wage jihad by launching a mass awareness campaign.

In response to a question, he hinted at contesting next general election from PPPs platform provided Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari assumed leadership of the party.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: EMERGENCY VEHICLES (90%); INVESTIGATIONS (90%); ILLEGAL WEAPONS (90%); ARRESTS (90%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); **POLICE** FORCES (90%); ARREST WARRANTS (79%); CONSPIRACY (78%); FIREARMS (78%); VEHICLE & BODY ARMOR (73%); GANGS (72%); TERRORISM (65%)

GEOGRAPHIC: KARACHI, PAKISTAN (79%) KARACHI PAKISTAN (79%) Pakistan

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HEADLINE: Slain Cincinnati officer honored

BODY:

CINCINNATI (AP) -- **Police officers** from around the country turned out Friday for a slain Cincinnati **officer's** funeral, where city officials, family and colleagues spoke of his devotion to duty and love for his family and his city.

Hundreds of people packed Xavier University's Cintas Center to honor 48-year-old **Officer** Sonny Kim. **Police** say the 27-year veteran was killed June 19 by an **armed suspect** who had made 911 calls and was seeking "suicide by cop." The suspect was killed by **police**.

City Manager Harry Black called Kim a "true hero" and a model **police officer**.

Mayor John Cranley said the shooting was an act of evil.

"We have a lot of questions for God today. Our faith is being tested," Cranley said. "Why did the good guy lose?"

Kim grew up in Chicago and moved to Cincinnati in 1986 to attend classes at the University of Cincinnati, **police** said. He was appointed as a Cincinnati **police** recruit and assigned to the **police** academy in 1987. Kim was promoted to the rank of **police officer** in 1988 and received 22 commendations in his career.

Kim loved Cincinnati and its people and was proud to serve them, said his brother, Mickey Kim.

"He was so proud to wear that uniform," he said. "He was so proud to be part of that fraternity."

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: CITY GOVERNMENT (90%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); POLICE FORCES (90%); DEATHS & INJURIES BY POLICE (90%); CITIES (90%); APPOINTMENTS (88%); SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY (78%)

COMPANY: CINTAS CORP (57%)

ORGANIZATION: XAVIER UNIVERSITY (57%); UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI (53%)

TICKER: CTAS (NASDAQ) (57%)

INDUSTRY: NAICS812332 INDUSTRIAL LAUNDERERS (57%); SIC7218 INDUSTRIAL LAUNDERERS (57%)

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CALIFORNIA

Guilty in boardwalk death

A driver was convicted yesterday of second-degree murder in the **death** of an Italian honeymooner on the Venice Beach boardwalk. Los Angeles County prosecutors said Nathan Campbell, 39, was angry about a soured drug deal and deliberately targeted vendors and tourists on the popular walkway. Campbell was found guilty in the August 2013 **death** of Alice Gruppioni. Campbell was also found guilty of 10 counts of leaving the scene of an accident and 17 counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

ILLINOIS

Train collides with truck

An Amtrak train headed to Chicago from San Antonio slammed into a semitrailer at a crossing near the Illinois community of Wilmington. Amtrak officials say no serious injuries have been reported at the scene of the crash yesterday afternoon, about 60 miles southwest of Chicago. The trailer of the truck was overturned. The truck's cab separated from the trailer and ended up on the other side of the train. None of the cars of the train left the track. It wasn't immediately known how many passengers were aboard the train.

MARYLAND

Police: Armed suspect shot

A university **police** officer in Baltimore shot and wounded a man who was reported to be carrying a knife on campus yesterday, authorities said. The man is being treated at a hospital for what was believed to be a non-life-threatening injury to a leg, a Baltimore **police** spokesman said. **Police** from the University of Maryland, Baltimore, searched for the

man after a 911 call shortly after 1 p.m. reporting an armed person on campus. Additional 911 callers also reported seeing a man holding a knife, Jackson said. Two uniformed university **officers** found the man nearby, off campus. "He was observed openly wielding a knife," and then reached into his waistband, **police** said. **Officers** were concerned about the knife and believed the man might be reaching for a gun, **police** said, and at least one **officer** fired.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: TRAINS (91%); RAIL TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS (90%); VERDICTS (90%); HOMICIDE (90%); MURDER (90%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (90%); LONG DISTANCE PASSENGER RAIL (90%); CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS (90%); NEWS BRIEFS (90%); TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS (90%); SHOOTINGS (89%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (78%); CRIMINAL ASSAULT & BATTERY (78%); SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY (75%); POLICE FORCES (74%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (74%); CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CRIME (73%); CAMPUS SECURITY (70%)

COMPANY: NATIONAL RAILROAD PASSENGER CORP (AMTRAK) (56%)

ORGANIZATION: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND (52%)

INDUSTRY: NAICS482111 LINE-HAUL RAILROADS (56%); SIC4011 RAILROADS, LINE-HAUL OPERATING (56%)

GEOGRAPHIC: BALTIMORE, MD, USA (86%); CHICAGO, IL, USA (71%) CALIFORNIA, USA (94%); ILLINOIS, USA (92%); MARYLAND, USA (92%) UNITED STATES (94%)

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HEADLINE: Mom killed, toddlers roam scene

BYLINE: Christian Sheckler South Bend Tribune

BODY:

MISHAWAKA -- Police found two toddlers wandering a Mishawaka street Friday morning near the place where their mother was shot and killed during an apparent domestic dispute moments earlier.

Lt. David Wells, assistant commander of the St. Joseph County Metro Homicide Unit, said **officers** responded late Friday morning to the 1200 block of Sixth Street, just east of Logan Street, after they received a 911 call about a reported shooting.

There, they found a woman, later identified as 22-year-old Precious Jackson, lying in the street with a gunshot wound. **Police** named 18-year-old Tyron Devon Johnson as the **suspect** in the shooting.

Johnson, **armed** with a semi-automatic handgun, ran north from the scene, **police** said. **Police** were trying to track him with dogs Friday afternoon. They said Johnson should be considered armed and dangerous, and anyone who sees him should immediately call **police**.

Jackson and Johnson also had a 1-month-old baby together. The two toddlers were found standing in the street. All three children were taken into custody. The Department of Child Services will be in charge of their placement, Wells said.

Wayne Zimmer who lives near the intersection of Sixth Street and Cleveland, said Jackson and Johnson were walking down the street, toward Johnson's mother's house, moments before the shooting.

Zimmer said the pair had just gotten off the Eighth Street bus and were walking in the rain with the children in tow. He said he came outside when he heard them arguing and watched as they continued down the street. He went back inside when he lost sight of them.

That's when Zimmer heard several gunshots ring out. He said he ran outside and saw Jackson lying in the street.

As **police** swarmed the scene, two women consoled another woman who was wailing and sobbing, and **police** had McDonald's Happy Meals delivered to the scene to feed children who were stranded inside the crime scene while their parents waited outside the yellow tape.

Later, **police** guarding the crime scene turned away a man who said he was Jackson's brother. The man angrily shouted that the suspect ran to a local apartment complex, and demanded that **police** go to the complex and arrest "any (expletive) you find."

If officially ruled a homicide, the shooting would be Mishawaka's first killing of 2015, but it would make the 10th killing recorded in St. Joseph County this year, according to Tribune archives, and the second **fatal** shooting this week.

Police are also still looking for 18-year-old Marqwan Beserra, who is suspected in a shooting that left 21-year-old Jerry Wright dead Tuesday evening in the 2400 block of West Frederickson Street in South Bend.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: CHILDREN (90%); INFANTS & TODDLERS (90%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); DOMESTIC OFFENSES (90%); HOMICIDE (89%); ARRESTS (78%); DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (78%); DOGS (73%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (70%); CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES (52%)

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GEOGRAPHIC: SOUTH BEND, IN, USA (79%) INDIANA, USA (79%) UNITED STATES (79%)

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HEADLINE: Ex-bodyguard of former Juárez police chief arrested in execution-style killings in 2012

BYLINE: By Daniel Borunda / El Paso Times / Follow @BorundaDaniel

BODY:

A Jucrez **police officer** was arrested Monday in connection with the execution-style shooting of four people three years ago, the Chihuahua state attorney general's office said.

Jose Luis Arreola Rodriguez, who had been a bodyguard to then Jucrez **police** chief Julian Leyzaola Perez, is accused of taking part in the **deaths** of three young men and a woman found April 24, 2012 near the San Rafael cemetery in the outskirts of Jucrez, officials said in a news release.

Arreola faces four homicide charges and an attempted murder charge as part of an investigation that officials said could lead to more arrests.

The arrest comes three days after Leyzaola, who was wounded in a May 8 shooting in Jucrez, told the Zeta newspaper in Tijuana that a gunman told him before pulling the trigger that the shooting was a "message" from current **police** chief Jesus Antonio Reyes, who has denied the allegations.

The Chihuahua attorney general's office said that Arreola's arrest follows a recommendation made last month by the National Commission on Human Rights asking for an investigation into Leyzaola and the **police** department.

State prosecutors identified those killed in 2012 as Alejandro Martinez Rodriguez, 16, Jesus Efrain Rodriguez Gavirio, 17, Jose Juan Villanueva Leal, 18, and Veronica Cerros Olivas, 22. Prosecutors said a woman survived by pretending to be dead after being wounded.

The survivor told investigators that the group was detained by **police officers** at a park and were beaten because one of the **suspects** was allegedly **armed**, officials said. After being driven around, they were taken to dirt road near the cemetery and made to kneel with their heads covered.

The survivor told investigators she heard one of the **officer's** say "shoot each one three times in the head" but she was not shot because she pretended to be dead, officials said. The woman later walked through the desert and got help at the customs checkpoint on the Panamerican Highway.

Daniel Borunda may be reached at 546-6102.

GRAPHIC: Arreola

Ex-bodyguard of former Juárez police chief arrested in execution-style killings in 2012 El Paso Times (Texas) May 18, 2015 Monday

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SUBJECT: POLICE FORCES (92%); INVESTIGATIONS (90%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); US STATE GOVERNMENT (90%); ARRESTS (90%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); POLICE MISCONDUCT (90%); ATTORNEYS GENERAL (90%); MURDER (78%); HOMICIDE (78%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (76%); DEATHS (76%); HUMAN RIGHTS (73%); EXCISE & CUSTOMS (73%)

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BYLINE: Shaun Gillham

BODY:

A DRAMATIC chase to apprehend two **armed** robbery **suspects** ended in tragedy yesterday when a "good Samaritan" was gunned down in one of Port Elizabeth's busiest streets.

Deon Niemand, 43, was fatally shot in the chest while trying to stop two robbery suspects in their tracks at about 2.10pm.

Niemand died in the middle of the four-lane Uitenhage Road in Sydenham where he had been in a scuffle with the men, one of whom shot him before fleeing.

Niemand, who was yesterday hailed as a hero and a good Samaritan, had managed to recover the stolen property which, unbeknown to the suspects, consisted of a virtually empty laptop bag and a few rands in cash.

The drama started just minutes before in Commercial Road, an extension of Uitenhage Road, when a self-employed western suburbs man, George Carr, 45, had finished conducting his business at Don's Pawn shop there.

After leaving the shop with his laptop bag, Carr was about to get into his vehicle when he was approached by two men, one of who attempted to grab his bag.

A shaken Carr said he had hung onto his bag until one of the suspects produced a handgun and thrust it into his face. "Then I just let go and hit the floor.

"The two guys started running down the road with my bag and then jumped over a railing to get onto Uitenhage Road," Carr said.

There was not much in the bag as he had already made a large payment inside the store.

Carr said he jumped into his car and proceeded to chase the two men through oncoming traffic down Commercial Road and into Uitenhage Road.

Two men in a black Volkswagen Golf, who had also been at the shop, also gave chase.

"When I got into Uitenhage Road, I saw the two guys. I saw some other people in a scuffle with them. I heard a shot go off.

"It turns out that this poor man [Niemand] was driving past and saw the guys running with the bag. He jumped out to help catch them and was shot just like that.

"He is a bloody hero, this guy. I am so, so very sorry that he has died. I am still shaking inside."

Port Elizabeth **police** spokesman Warrant **Officer** Alwin Labans said one of the two suspects, 25, was arrested at the scene.

He said the second suspect, who is believed to have fired the **fatal** shot, was known to **police** and they expected to arrest him soon. Labans said an armed robbery and a murder docket had been opened.

According to a friend of Niemand's, Morne Lottering, 20, who was at the scene, Niemand lived and worked at the nearby Propshaft Centre.

He said he was "a great guy" who had spent the last few years successfully getting his life back on track after difficult times

Propshaft Centre owner Jan Serfontein last night echoed Lottering's sentiments and described Niemand as a person who was always happy and willing to help at any time.

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WASHINGTON TWP.

Unresponsive child pulled from pond

A young child was pulled from a pond Sunday evening at the Arbors of Yankee Vineyards complex off Yankee Street in Washington Twp.

The incident was reported around 7:15 p.m.

According to initial reports, the child, between the ages of 3 and 5, was not responsive and CPR was underway. The child's gender and condition were not available, but medics took the child to Southview Medical Center, according to the Miami Valley Regional Dispatch Center. CASSIDY BOYER

DAYTON

Gunshot victim found near crash

Police found a gunshot victim early Sunday as he was walking away from where a car crashed into a house.

The crash happened around 2:30 a.m. in the 200 block of North Decker Avenue.

The driver apparently lost control there after being shot at in the area of West Second Street and North Gettysburg Avenue, according to the Dayton police report.

The man who was shot claimed he was a passenger in the vehicle when a maroon GMC Denali pulled up beside them and opened fire.

The driver of the Chevy Impala sped away down West Second Street and eventually crashed on North Decker. The driver fled the scene.

An **officer** responding was waved down by the gunshot victim as he was walking along North Decker. His clothes were bloody as he had been shot in the buttocks. He was taken to Miami Valley Hospital, where he was treated for a through-and-through gunshot wound, according to the report.

The victim told **police** they were at a club earlier in the evening and he thinks their vehicle was targeted because he was with a friend who had an argument the previous weekend over a "weed phone," according to the report.

The friend who may have been targeted reportedly got into a different vehicle than the Impala shortly after the group left the club, **police** noted in the report. STAFF REPORT

FAIRBORN

Woman robs Speedway, flees

Police are seeking a woman who robbed a Speedway Sunday evening on Col. Glenn Highway.

Police were called shortly before 5:30 p.m. to a report of an **armed** robbery.

The **suspect** was described as a woman wearing sunglasses in a black, hooded sweatshirt, plaid cap, jeans and black sneakers. STAFF REPORT

DAYTON

1 arrested a?er shots fired

A man was arrested after shots were fired from a black Chevrolet S10 in the 2000 block of Richard Street, according to a Dayton police report.

Dayton police said no one was hit by gunfire, which was reported shortly before 1 a.m. Sunday.

The resident of a home on Richard Street told **police** the S10 drove by his house threatening violence and a short time later drove by again and shots were fired, according to the report.

The pickup truck was stopped by **police** on Mclain Street, where the four occupants were told to get on the ground and later handcuffed, according to the report.

Police said a loaded Taurus handgun was found inside the truck.

The four were taken to the **police** station and interviewed. Three were released, but Jesse Ray Henry, 27, was booked into the Montgomery County Jail on suspicion of felonious assault and weapons violations, according to **police** and jail records.

STAFF REPORT

OXFORD

Help sought in finding robbers

Oxford **police** are asking for the public's help in apprehending two home invaders who injured and robbed a resident in the 300 block of North Poplar Street.

Officers were called to the home around 1:30 p.m. Sunday.

Police said the resident was treated by a medic at the scene after the two unknown white males followed the residents into their house, where a "physical confrontation occurred."

Weapons were displayed and items taken.

To help in the investigation, call Detective Sgt. Geoff Robinson at 937-524-5258. STAFF REPORT

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HEADLINE: Robbers strike in Kasganj, beat two to **death**

BODY:

KANPUR: Two persons guarding a mango orchard were mercilessly beaten to **death** by suspected "Kachcha-Baniyan" gang in Kasganj district.

The accused were armed with 'lathis' and attacked one Prem Singh and Virendra, in Ziyauddin village. A posse of policemen reached the spot on being informed regarding the incident. An offence was registered and investigations were started by the **police**.

Police said the robbers, possibly members of "Kachcha-Baniyan" gang, mercilessly beat to **death** Prem Singh and Virendra and injured two others while they were guarding the mango orchard in Ziyauddin village late on Sunday night. The robbers escaped with cash and mobile phones belonging to the deceased.

The **police** said the incident took place at Ziyauddin village close to Bilgram road around 3 am. The robbers were wearing brief and vest due to which it is suspected that they were members of the notorious "Kachcha Baniyan" gang.

"As per the two other injured people, identified as Hakim and Lal Singh, the robbers more than six in number. They were wearing brief and vest, and were **armed** with sticks and beat up the **victims** mercilessly," said a **police officer**.

"Most of the victims sustained head injuries. The criminals were demanding cash which the victims had possibly collected after selling mango yield," said the **officer.**

The robbers escaped with the booty including cash and mobile phones besides other valuable belongings after being on rampage for over an hour. "Most victims were unconscious and severely bleeding. One of them informed the **police** following which a team was rushed there," said the **officer.**

The **officer** added that all the victims were rushed to the district Hospital where two of the victims, Prem Singh and Virendra, succumbed to injuries. The injured include Hakim and Lal Singh and both are undergoing treatment.

The **police** claimed to have arrested two suspects from near Radha Swami ashram on Monday afternoon. One among them has been identified as Asghar, a native of Hapur district. The **police** have also recovered a country-made firearm and an iron rod from their possession.

"A separate **police** team has been rushed to various places in search of the other robbers. We hope to identify and arrest them soon," said SP Vinay Kumar Yadav.

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BYLINE: Kate Mather, Marisa Gerber, Matt Hamilton

BODY:

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Infant found not breathing dies later in hospital

NIAGARA FALLS - A 5-month-old boy died Tuesday at Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center after he was discovered not breathing in a 24th Street home, **police** said.

Niagara Falls **police** and firefighters responded to the home just before 11 a.m., Capt. Michael Trane said. The boy was rushed by Rural/Metro Medical Services to the hospital where he was pronounced dead, Trane said.

The **death** is under investigation and the cause is unknown, **police** said. An autopsy will be performed Wednesday by the Erie County Medical Examiner's Office.

Alleged bail jumper faces extradition hearing

LOCKPORT - A Niagara Falls man is scheduled for an extradition hearing July 7 after being indicted on a murder charge in Los Angeles.

Kevin W. Jones, 48, appeared before Niagara County Judge Matthew J. Murphy III Tuesday and asked for a hearing rather than conceding he is the wanted man. He is charged with a homicide that occurred March 23.

Assistant District Attorney John P. Granchelli said Jones was arrested by Niagara Falls **police** May 1 on a bail-jumping charge, connected to a 2011 criminal mischief arrest.

The Buffalo News reported that on Dec. 9, 2011, Jones was charged with third-degree criminal mischief, resisting arrest and obstructing governmental administration after he allegedly threw a small dresser through the front window of his mother's house on LaSalle Avenue after barricading himself inside; he was intoxicated at the time.

Asked where Jones was between then and May 1 of this year, Assistant Public Defender Michael E. Benedict said he wouldn't answer that question at this time. The bail-jumping charge is due to be presented to a local grand jury while the criminal mischief case is pending in Niagara Falls City Court, with the next appearance scheduled for July 15. Jones is being held without bail in Niagara County Jail.

Officer's Tim Hortons stop leads to two drug arrests

NIAGARA FALLS - **Police** scored more than doughnuts at a Tim Hortons drive-through Monday, after they learned that passengers in a car in front of them were carrying drugs.

An **officer** pulled up to the window just after midnight Tuesday in the 2400 block of Pine Avenue and was informed by a clerk that the passenger in the car in front of them had a bag full of marijuana in his lap.

Police caught up to the car and pulled the driver over for not wearing a seatbelt.

A search of the vehicle found a backpack with a digital scale disguised as a cellphone, marijuana, multiple narcotic pills and wrapped baggies containing heroin.

The passenger, Maurice E. Betton, 21, of 22nd Street, was charged with fifth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance and use of drug paraphernalia. The driver, Matthew Gulley IV, of Pine Avenue, was charged with seventh-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and a vehicle and traffic violation.

Armed intruder robs, beats man in 2nd-floor bedroom

NIAGARA FALLS - A Niagara Falls man was beaten and robbed by an **armed** attacker who had climbed in the **victim's** house through a second-floor window.

The 24-year-old victim told **police** Monday that a man armed with a handgun had climbed through his unsecured second-story bedroom window in the 1700 block of Elmwood Avenue at 3:20 a.m.

The victim said the intruder tried to choke him and then put the gun to his head, demanding money and his cellphone. He handed over \$400 in cash and a \$300 cellphone. He said the suspect hit him in the head multiple times with the handgun, then jumped out of the window and fled.

The victim said he was able to find someone to drive him to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center, where he was treated for cuts and swelling and then released. The victim told **police** he believes the man may have stacked garbage cans to climb into the window and **officers** found three garbage cans underneath the window with blood on the siding, as well as a large amount of blood in the bedroom.

Falls man faces 2½ years after plea on crack sales

LOCKPORT - A Niagara Falls 19-year-old may head to prison for as long as 2½ years after pleading guilty Tuesday to selling crack Jan. 8 in that city.Dartanyon T. Robinson of Pine Avenue admitted to fifth-degree criminal sale of a controlled substance and was scheduled for sentencing Aug. 25 by Niagara County Judge Matthew J. Murphy III.

The drug deal with a **police** informant occurred near the corner of 17th Street and Pine Avenue, Assistant District Attorney Laura T. Bittner said. Robinson agreed to repay \$120 to the Niagara County Drug Task Force.

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HEADLINE: Fontana narcotics officer shoots Encino man, condition unknown

BYLINE: Doug Saunders

BODY:

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The suspect jumped in a car and fled, she said. During the pursuit the suspect crashed and ran again from officers.

Officers chased the suspect on foot into the rear yard of a residence at which time an **officer**-involved shooting occurred, the release said. The suspect was struck by gunfire and transported to an area hospital.

Guzman-Hurtado didn t know if the suspect was armed.

That is all the information we have right now, she said in an email. Updates to the press release will be issued as new information becomes available. This is an ongoing investigation and all the details are not in.

The Los Angeles **Police** Department is handling the shooting investigation.

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Guzman-Hurtado didn t know if the suspect was armed.

That is all the information we have right now, she said in an email. Updates to the press release will be issued as new information becomes available. This is an ongoing investigation and all the details are not in.

The Los Angeles **Police** Department is handling the shooting investigation.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS (91%); NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT (90%); CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES CRIME (90%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (90%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (90%); ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE (78%); DRUG TRAFFICKING (73%); **POLICE** FORCES (72%)

GEOGRAPHIC: LOS ANGELES, CA, USA (79%) CALIFORNIA, USA (79%) UNITED STATES (79%)

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The Herald (Glasgow)

May 4, 2015 Monday

SECTION: Pg. 1

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HEADLINE: Inquiry after arrest death

BYLINE: Caroline Woollard

BODY:

A 31-year-old man has died and a **police officer** has been injured as **officers** tried to arrest a **suspect armed** with a knife.

Police Scotland immediately referred yesterday's incident in Kirkcaldy, Fife, to the independent investigations body as a senior **officer** described the incident as a tragic set of circumstances.

The **Police** Investigations and Review Commissioner (PIRC), which examines the most serious of complaints against the **police**, is now leading an inquiry into the matter.

Police said the female officer was not stabbed, although her condition was not known last night.

Fife Divisional Commander Chief Superintendent Garry McEwan said: "This is a tragic set of circumstances and my condolences go to the man's family. The investigation of **deaths** is the responsibility of Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, who have instructed the **Police** Investigations and Review Commissioner to lead on this inquiry." PIRC Kate Frame, a former prosecutor, previously lead the division of the Crown Office that deals with **police** complaints.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: HER

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS (93%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (91%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (90%);

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HEADLINE: SWAT team searches home, arrests 3 suspects

BYLINE: Carolina Astrain, Victoria Advocate, Texas

BODY:

May 16--Victoria **police** deployed their SWAT team members and an armored protection vehicle Friday morning to arrest three men suspected in a string of crimes involving home invasions, controlled substances, theft and the possession of stolen property.

The heavy equipment along with the smoke distraction devices attracted the attention of several neighbors as **police** converged on a home at 8 a.m. in the 3900 block of North Main Street.

Richard Willetts, who lives in the neighborhood, said he was on his way to Inez when his wife called him about a mattress burning on the lawn next door.

"There was an armored car and **police** walking all around," Willetts said.

Willetts' son, Griffin Milberger, arrived with his father on the scene as the military-style tank was pulling out of their neighbor's driveway.

"They blew out almost every window in the facility, and it's barely a two-bedroom cabin," said Milberger. "They (the SWAT team members) do a good job; they're very quick and efficient."

Victoria **police** were looking for stolen property linked to several crimes in the Victoria area, along with recent home invasion robberies that occurred earlier this week, according to a Victoria **Police** Department statement issued Friday.

Arrested were:--Damien Zuniga, 17, on suspicion of possession of stolen property, possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance and possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana.

- --Christopher Lee Gutierrez, 33, on suspicion of theft of property worth less than \$500, the manufacturing and delivery of less than 200 grams of a controlled substance penalty and three outstanding traffic warrants.
- --Henry Garcia Jr., 17, on suspicion of possession of stolen property.

The suspects are connected to at least five crimes in Victoria, and they could possibly be charged with additional crimes, according to the **police** statement.

Detective Tanya Brown, a **police** spokeswoman, said **officers** took the extra precaution of the armored vehicle and SWAT members because of "the nature of offenses the suspects committed, the violence used during the commission of the offenses (home invasion robberies) and the fact the **suspects** were believed to be **armed.**"

She said serving the search warrant was considered high-risk with the three suspects.

Brown said she could not say whether the men were connected to a reported theft and non-**fatal** shooting in Bloomington.

Lt. Thomas Eisman of the Victoria Sheriff's Office said Friday that he would not comment about the Bloomington incident, which occurred late Wednesday night.

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LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

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SUBJECT: PROPERTY CRIMES (90%); CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (90%); RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY (90%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); SEARCH WARRANTS (89%); ROBBERY (89%); ARRESTS (89%); LARCENY & THEFT (89%); CRIMINAL OFFENSES (89%); SHERIFFS (78%); SEARCH & SEIZURE (78%); ARREST WARRANTS (78%); POLICE FORCES (78%); HOUSE ARREST (78%); MARIJUANA (77%); CANNABIS (73%); MOTOR VEHICLES (73%); SHOOTINGS (60%)

INDUSTRY: General

GEOGRAPHIC: TEXAS, USA (90%) UNITED STATES (90%)

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May 28, 2015

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HEADLINE: Afoko Defends Afoko in Court

BYLINE: Maame Agyeiwaa Agyei

BODY:

The counsel for the 50 year old Gregory Afoko, brother of New Patriotic Party's (NPP) National Chairman, Paul Afoko, yesterday argued in court that, the latter's name should be removed from the **Police** Fact Sheet.

According to Afoko's Counsel, Ekow Ampah Korsah, his client was a citizen of Ghana with sound mind and of full legal age, who can sue and be sued and, therefore, there was no need for his brother's name to be attached to his. He told the court that, he did not understand why the **Police** should attach his brother's name, saying there was no need to attach him as a third party.

He further described attaching Paul Afoko's name in the charge sheet as prejudicial which should be removed. This generated heated argument between the prosecution and the defendants for some time. The Prosecutor, Superintendent Francis Baah, also argued that Paul Afoko's name cannot be removed because at that material moment, that was part of the facts they have gathered.

The judge, however, declined the request that Paul Afoko's name should not be in the charge sheet, saying at that moment, the prosecutor has to present the facts as it is.

Meanwhile, the Magistrate court, presided over by Worlanyo Kotoku, refused the bail application submitted by the defend counsel.

Gregory Afoko was remanded into **Police** custody to reappear on June 9, 2015, for his alleged role in the assassination of Adam Mahama, the party's Upper East Regional Chairman. He was arraigned before the court at about 11:15 am to face charges of Conspiracy to commit crime and murder yesterday. Meanwhile Asabke Alangdi, the other suspect is currently at large.

Background

Gregory Afoko was arrested by the **police** following the **death** of Mahama Adams, the late Upper East regional chairman of the NPP. He and one other, Asabke Alangdi, were said to have been named by the deceased as the persons who poured substance believed to be acid on him.

Gregory Afoko appeared at the court premises at about 11:12 am with two **police officers** holding his arms, whilst still in handcuff. He bowed down to avoid the media from taking pictures of him when walking to the court room and his face was covered after the court.

Both families of Afoko and the late Mahama Adams were present in court, whilst the latter's family were clad in mourning cloths. He has been charged with murder. Adam Mahama was attacked by two persons last Thursday. Gregory Afoko was subsequently arrested in connection with the attack but the other accomplice is on the run.

Facts

The deceased, Adams Mahama, until his untimely **death,** was a contractor and the Upper East Regional Chairman of the New Patriotic Party (NPP). First suspect, Gregory Afoko is a farmer, an NPP youth activist and a younger brother to Mr. Paul Afoko, National Chairman of the same party whiles the 2nd suspect, Asabke Alangdi is also a party member.

During the early part of May, 2015, Mr. Paul Afoko and Kwabena Aygepong, National Chairman and General Secretary respectively of the NPP embarked on a tour. On 14th day of May, 2015, the National Chairman and General Secretary arrived in Bolgatanga. The deceased organized some thugs to violently attack them scuttling the planned meeting at Azumsolom Guest House for campaigning against the flagbearer, Nana Addo Danquah Akuffo Addo and also not notifying him.

The situation was later brought under control by the **Police.** First suspect was not impressed with the action taken by the regional chairman, as a result had serious confrontation with the deceased until he was chased away by the thugs. Later 1st and 2nd suspects mobilized some youth to form another group with their sole aim to protect party executives perceived to be against Nana Akuffo Addo's bid.

The suspects and other members had series of meetings and in the evening of 20th May 2015, two assailants now identified as 1st and 2nd **suspects armed** with a substance in a gallon suspected to be acid, laid ambush at the deceased residence. The deceased returned home around 11: 00pm in his pick-up vehicle with registration number NR 761-14 immediately he parked the vehicle in front of his, suspects went close, signaled him to roll down the glass. The deceased identified the suspects as party members, rolled down the glass to talk to them.

Suddenly, the suspects poured the substance suspected to be acid on his head, face and other parts of his body and fled on a motorbike. The deceased started screaming for help and his wife, Hajia Zenabu Adams, came to the aid of the husband and managed to bring him out of the vehicle. In the process she sustained burns on the right side of the chest and breast.

The wife enquired to know what happened to him and he told her that it was the 1st and 2nd suspects who poured the substance on him. The deceased who could not withstand the pains was still shouting and started removing his clothes. This attracted the attention of the neighbors who took him to the Upper East Regional Hospital. Deceased repeatedly mentioned the names of 1st and 2 suspects as the perpetrators to the neighbors and friends who came to his aid and rushed him to the hospital.

While the deceased was being prepared to be airlifted to Accra for intensive care, he was pronounced dead. During investigations, the 1st suspect was arrested in his house and when asked to lead to lead **Police** to the house of the 2nd suspect he rather took them to the father's house.

Police later located the house of 2nd suspect who had got wind of their presence and absconded with his wife leaving behind their baby. A gallon which contains some of the substance and a plastic cup were retrieved at the scene for forensic examination. Post mortem examination was conducted on the body of the deceased and the Pathologist gave the cause of **death** as Shock Lungs and Extensive Acid burns. However, investigation is still ongoing.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newsletter

SUBJECT: MURDER (89%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (89%); SUITS & CLAIMS (78%); TESTIMONY (78%);

LITIGATION (78%); ASSASSINATION (78%); ARRESTS (77%); CONSPIRACY (74%); BAIL (73%); FAMILY (69%)

PUB-SUBJECT: Ghana; Legal and Judicial Affairs

GEOGRAPHIC: GHANA (93%)

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HEADLINE: A polished look at the Met - but is it the whole story?;

Last night on television

BYLINE: Paul Kendall

BODY:

The Met (BBC One), the first episode of a new series about the Metropolitan **Police**, was meant to be a fly-on-the-wall documentary. And yet it was so skilfully constructed that it felt more like a high-end drama, boasting the multistranded structure of acclaimed cop show The Wire and the acutely observed backroom politics of The West Wing.

The first part of the episode introduced us to Andy and Sarah from the force's armed SC&019 unit. The second saw senior **officers** planning their media response to the inquest into the **death** of Mark Duggan, the gang member whose **death** at the hands of a firearms **officer** sparked the nationwide riots of August 2011.

We then saw the aftermath of that inquest, a controversial verdict of "lawful killing", during which tensions between protesters and **police** threatened to explode into violence once again. The cameras then moved to a fiery public meeting involving representatives of the black community, before a final thread took us to a potentially combustible street party in Brixton.

This dramatic construction certainly made for good television. There was a tangible sense of trepidation during a raid on a flat belonging to an **armed suspect**, and during the protests following the end of the inquest, when the cameras roamed in and out of a hostile crowd in front of Tottenham **police** station.

You also felt you were being given valuable insights into the work of the **police** - not just the undeniably difficult job of the firearms **officers**, whose splitsecond decisions are held up to intense scrutiny, but also the Met's ongoing struggle to gain the trust of black Londoners, many of whom feel they have been demonised for decades.

The section in which **officers** took preemptive action before the Brixton street party - unearthing knives that had been hidden in trees, locking up key gang members on minor charges so they were off the street - could have come straight out of The Wire, which revelled in the canny **police** work of experienced cops in the gangster-ridden housing projects of Baltimore.

A polished look at the Met - but is it the whole story?; Last night on television The Daily Telegraph (London) June 9, 2015 Tuesday

But one can't help thinking the person who will be most pleased with this polished product will be Met commissioner Bernard Hogan-Howe. Frustrated by years of negative publicity and wary of his force's relationship with journalists following the Leveson inquiry, he has said he decided to open his doors to the BBC so the public could understand what the Met does.

It was a huge risk, but seeing the intense way in which **officers** planned their media strategy prior to the Duggan verdict, you can't help feeling that Hogan-Howe knew exactly what he was doing. Each member of the force in that scene was shown to be thoughtful and committed. Would the BBC have been granted access if a certain level of control had not been agreed first?

How to be Bohemian (BBC Four), an entertaining history of "painters, poets, pioneers and provocateurs", contained characters aplenty. There was French writer Gérard de Nerval who used to walk his pet lobster through the streets of Paris, textile designer William Morris, who lived in a love triangle with his wife Jane and the Pre-Raphaelite painter Rossetti, and, of course, Oscar Wilde, a man who revelled in shocking the middle classes. But the real star of the show was its presenter, Victoria Coren Mitchell who lent the programme (the first of three) the right tone with a combination of witty aperçus and thoughtful commentary.

There is something inherently laughable about the early Bohemians - the friends of Théophile Gautier became famous in 19th century Paris for their naked garden parties - and Coren Mitchell was very much alive to this. ("I imagine everyone had a lovely time but nobody wanted to hold the lobster," she said of the garden parties.)

But Bohemianism was also a deadly serious movement, a challenge to the received wisdoms of the ruling elite, and the source of important art, so the jokes often gave way to sincere editorialising.

"If you live a fully conventional life," Coren Mitchell said at one point, "it's much easier to disapprove of someone who doesn't than to wonder if they are happier than you are."

The other point to make about Coren Mitchell is her enthusiasm. She seemed genuinely thrilled to be talking to the programme's contributors - from the writer Will Self to the painter Maggi Hambling. She even managed a smile during her conversation with the insufferable Rev Richard Coles.

The Met ****

How to Be Bohemia ****

GRAPHIC: You're under arrest: Bernard Hogan-Howe apprehends a suspect in 'The Met'

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: DTL

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS (90%); **POLICE** FORCES (90%); RIOTS (73%); TALKS & MEETINGS (69%); RACE & RACISM (67%); WRITERS (60%)

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SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 6

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HEADLINE: CLEVELAND IRE Cop's acquittal in killings sparks protests

BYLINE: BY MELISSA CHAN and DEBORAH HASTINGS NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

BODY:

THE ACQUITTAL Saturday of a white Cleveland cop for firing the final blasts of a 137-shot **police** barrage that killed two unarmed blacks ignited instant outrage and protests.

Demonstrators seething over the acquittal of **Officer** Michael Brelo, 31, flooded the streets following the verdict leading to dozens of arrests.

As darkness cloaked the city, groups of protesters clashed with officers in riot gear.

Demonstrators also got into a fight with patrons at a downtown restaurant.

Three people were led away in handcuffs and charged with felony assault and aggravated riot, authorities said.

A fourth person was charged with assault after throwing an unknown object through a window and injuring a female patron.

By early Sunday, cops had arrested roughly 40 people, including a reporter for Northeast Ohio Media Group.

Brelo, 31, was the only one of the 13 **officers** who opened fire to face criminal charges in the November 2012 incident - and a Cleveland judge found him not guilty in the bench trial.

Prosecutors charged Brelo unloaded 49 shots, including a 15-bullet fusillade while standing on the hood of the car and blasting through the windshield at victims Timothy Russell, 43, and Malissa Williams, 30.

Brelo wept, held his head in his hands and occasionally made the sign of the cross as Judge John O'Donnell found him not guilty.

The shooting followed a 62-car, 100 mph chase that one prosecutor said looked like a clip from the movie "The Blues Brothers." The chase was triggered in downtown Cleveland after cops reacted to what they believed was a gunshot, but

was instead Russell's Chevy Malibu backfiring.

For more than 20 miles, the phalanx of cops chased Russell's 1979 Malibu. The **officers** unloaded on the vehicle after finally cornering it.

Russell was shot 23 times, and Williams was struck by 24 bullets. Neither **victim was armed.** Inside the vehicle, investigators discovered a crack pipe.

Judge John O'Donnell acknowledged that Brelo fired lethal shots at the victims but ruled that the evidence didn't prove his shots caused either death.

Russell's family blasted the judge's decision.

"Fleeing is not grounds for **death,**" the family said in a statement. "The exoneration of **Officer** Brelo speaks to a complete disregard for the extreme and unnecessary force meted out against some American citizens who happen to be black and brown."

More than 200 angry but mostly peaceful protesters immediately took to the Cleveland streets, some carrying signs asking, "Will I be next?"

The demonstrators marched through the city's downtown - at times squaring off with cops.

Three protesters were handcuffed and taken into **police** custody near Quicken Loans Arena.

Officers held up pepper spray as protesters surged toward those who had been arrested, but tensions quickly cooled.

Racial tensions in Cleveland were already strained by the killing six months ago of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy shot to **death** by a rookie white cop. The preteen was carrying a pellet gun.

GRAPHIC: Protester in chains blocks intersection in Cleveland. Fury over not guilty verdict of white cop in shooting **deaths** of two black motorists who were unarmed led to arrests (inset). Michael Brelo (below) stood on hood and fired 15 shots at Timothy Russell (top, r.) and Malissa Williams, but was acquitted of manslaughter. AP; EPA

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: ACQUITTAL (91%); RIOTS (90%); CRIMINAL ASSAULT & BATTERY (90%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (90%); SHOOTINGS (90%); PROTESTS & DEMONSTRATIONS (90%); VERDICTS (90%); ARRESTS (89%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (78%); JUDGES (77%); CRIMINAL OFFENSES (77%); FELONIES (77%); DECISIONS & RULINGS (74%); SETTLEMENTS & DECISIONS (74%); INVESTIGATIONS (73%); COCAINE (50%)

GEOGRAPHIC: CLEVELAND, OH, USA (94%) OHIO, USA (94%) UNITED STATES (94%)

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HEADLINE: Man shot, killed by US **police officers**

BODY:

US police officers have shot and killed a man in Citrus Heights, Sacramento County, California, authorities say.

The shooting happened at the Greenback Manor apartment complex on the 7500 block of Greenback Lane on Monday and the **victim** was an **armed suspect.**

The **officers** arrived at the complex after they had received a call reporting domestic violence between a man and woman at the apartment.

The suspect with a handgun started firing at the officers, who returned fire, striking and killing the 35-year-old man.

Police have not released any information about how many shots were fired or how many hit the man, who fathered three children.

Witnesses said they had heard multiple gunshots but no officer was injured.

On average, 87 people die each day as a function of gun violence in the US, with an average of 183 injured, according to the University of Chicago Crime Lab and the Centers for Disease Control.

The Gun Violence Archive shows that more than 5,000 people have been killed and over 10,000 injured by gun in the country since January 1, 2015.

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LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Wire

JOURNAL-CODE: 701

SUBJECT: SHOOTINGS (92%); **DEATHS** & INJURIES BY **POLICE** (91%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); VIOLENT CRIME (90%); FIREARMS (90%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (90%); DOMESTIC OFFENSES (76%); FORENSICS (73%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (72%); EPIDEMIOLOGY (71%); DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (71%); DISEASES & DISORDERS (66%); MEDICAL & DIAGNOSTIC LABORATORIES (66%)

GEOGRAPHIC: CHICAGO, IL, USA (52%) CALIFORNIA, USA (94%); ILLINOIS, USA (52%) UNITED STATES (94%)

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The Representative

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SECTION: CRIME, LAW & JUSTICE

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HEADLINE: Crime in the Queenstown police area

BYLINE: Zolile Menzelwa

BODY:

By

A 40-YEAR-old man appeared in the Cofimvaba Magistrate's Court last Friday on charges relating to the rape and murder of a 65-year-old woman from Lalini administrative area in St Marks.

The Rep reported (**Police** seek killer of two," May 15) that Nomathamsanqa Mabona was found in a pool of blood outside her home by her grandchild.

This week, **police** spokesman warrant **officer** Namhla Mdleleni said Siyolo Ntlabezo was arrested last Thursday in Cala. "The deceased sustained wounds and had been raped. A case of rape and murder was opened." The case has been postponed to June 9.

*In a separate case, two suspects in their 20s, including a Grade 12 pupil at Abambo Senior Secondary School, were arrested on charges of rape and murder following the **death** of a 34-year-old woman in Kleinbulhoek two weeks ago. Nokwezi Langa went missing from her home in Lower Zangqokwe administrative area at Kleinbulhoek on May 6 "A search was conducted by the **police** and on May 8 the body was found near a river. **Police** discovered she had been raped and strangled," Mdleleni said.

Grade 12 pupil Luvuyo Nofemele, 20 and 21-year-old Zoyisile Nazo were arrested and appeared in the Whittlesea Magistrate's Court. The case was postponed for a formal bail application.

*In Thornhill **police** arrested two suspects on murder charges on May 16 after a 35-year-old unidentified man was found dead in open veld. The man from Lesotho had gone missing on May 12. A **police** search led to the discovery of his body two days later, Mdleleni said.

"Two suspects were arrested and will appear before Ntabethemba Magistrate's Court on murder charges. **Police** are still tracing his family. We appeal to the community to know the details of people they employ, especially those from outside the province or country."

*The Cathcart **police** were investigating a case of armed robbery after the post office was robbed of an undisclosed sum of money on Saturday. Mdleleni said two **armed suspects** entered the post office as the postmaster opened the doors. He was held at gunpoint and the men fled with the money. No arrests have been made.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: qr,20,re,qt,we,wd,tw,sw,st,SD,MM,ls,lr,fw,dm,bt

SUBJECT: SEX OFFENSES (92%); SEXUAL ASSAULT (92%); MURDER (91%); ARRESTS (91%); MAGISTRATES (90%); DELAYS & POSTPONEMENTS (89%); INVESTIGATIONS (78%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (78%); ARREST WARRANTS (78%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (78%); POLICE FORCES (77%); CRIMINAL OFFENSES (76%); BAIL (73%); GRANDCHILDREN (71%); DEATHS (70%); ROBBERY (66%); SECONDARY SCHOOLS (55%)

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GEOGRAPHIC: LESOTHO (79%)

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HEADLINE: 2 dead in string of overnight shootings in Decatur

BYLINE: Jonece Dunigan, The Decatur Daily, Ala.

BODY:

May 17--Decatur **police** are investigating whether a string of shootings overnight Friday that left two men dead are related.

Police spokesman Lt. John Crouch said that at about 10 p.m. Friday **officers** found the body of a 27-year-old man riddled with what appeared to be bullet wounds near the carport of a home in the 100 block of Albert Street Southwest. Morgan County District Attorney Scott Anderson and Coroner Jeff Chunn also responded to the scene. The victim's identity was being withheld pending notification of family.

About 9 a.m. Saturday, **police** received reports of a dead Hispanic male near Adventure Park, located in Wilson Morgan Park at 300 Beltline Road S.W. **Police** said he was shot in the head and that the shootings could be related to other violent incidents that occurred overnight Friday.

The identity of the second victim also has not been released.

Chunn said both bodies were taken to Huntsville Forensic Sciences for autopsies. He said he wasn't sure if both **deaths** are related.

"We don't have anything directly related, but that is a possibility," Chunn said.

Shots were also fired into a home on the 600 block of Fifth Avenue Southwest about 9 p.m. Friday. No one was harmed. The residents said the shots came from a silver Nissan Altima occupied by multiple black males.

Officers also responded to a robbery at 11:30 p.m. in the 1600 block of Eighth Avenue Southwest.

The victim had her 5-year-old daughter in the back seat of her car when she went inside the home to turn down her daughter's bed, **police** said. When she returned to the car to get her daughter, she was approached by two black males who wore all black and ski masks.

The victim said they came out of a light-colored Nissan Altima, and one was armed with a long, black gun.

The victim said the suspects demanded her money or else they were going to kill her daughter. The victim gave the

suspects her purse in response. The suspects left in the Altima, and no one was harmed.

Shots were fired into a home in the 400 block of Fifth Avenue Southwest about 12:30 a.m. Saturday.

The victim in that incident told **officers** she was sitting on her couch when she heard multiple gunshots and glass breaking. She took refuge in a bathroom, where she called **police**.

Officers found multiple bullet holes on the side of the house. A witness to the shooting said she saw a silver Nissan Altima with a black bumper drive away from the house.

A man claiming to be robbed came to the front desk of the Decatur Police Department about 1:15 a.m. He said he was riding his bike near 11th Avenue and Second Street Northwest when two black males dressed in black exited a silver four-door car.

One was armed with a shotgun, while the other was armed with a handgun. One of the men demanded his belongings, while a third man remained in the car.

The victim said he turned and ran, **police** said. He then heard one individual tell another man to shoot him, but no shots were fired, and no one was harmed.

Response

Anderson said he couldn't release details about the shootings and the slayings because the cases are still being investigated.

"Law enforcement is putting every man they can on this," Anderson said. "We need to wait and see what we're dealing with here."

Police are asking for any tips that may lead to the suspects' arrests. Police are offering a \$1,000 reward.

Anyone who might have seen an older model bronze or silver Nissan Altima with a dark colored bumper or a group of black males dressed all in black last night or who might have any other information related to any of these cases is asked to call **police** at 256-476-7638.

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INDUSTRY: General

GEOGRAPHIC: DECATUR, AL, USA (91%); HUNTSVILLE, AL, USA (58%) ALABAMA, USA (91%) UNITED STATES (91%)

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HEADLINE: NATION: IN BRIEF

BODY:

ALASKA

Crash probe continues

Crews resumed recovery efforts yesterday at a remote site in southeast Alaska where a sightseeing plane crashed, killing all nine people aboard. Eight cruise ship passengers and their pilot died when the DeHavilland DHC-3 Otter turboprop went down on Thursday in Misty Fjords National Monument near Ketchikan. The cause of the crash remained under investigation. The identities of those on the plane were being withheld as authorities worked to notify their families. Crews planned to land aircraft near the crash site on an 800-foot cliff above Ella Lake and then hike to the wreckage.

OHIO

Slain cop remembered

Police officers nationwide turned out yesterday for a slain Cincinnati **officer's** funeral, where city officials, family and colleagues spoke of his devotion to duty and love for his family and his city. Hundreds of people packed Xavier University's Cintas Center to honor **Officer** Sonny Kim, 48. **Police** say the 27-year veteran was killed June 19 by an **armed suspect** who had made 911 calls and was seeking "suicide by cop." The suspect was killed by **police.** City Manager Harry Black called Kim a "true hero" and a model **police officer.**

NEVADA

Casinos rake in \$1B in May

Huge crowds and high rollers in Las Vegas for the Floyd Mayweather-Manny Pacquiao fight helped Nevada casinos make more than \$1 billion off gamblers in May, according to records released yesterday. It was the first time casinos exceeded that total in more than a year. "To hit a billion, we're pretty pleased," said Nevada Gaming Control Board

analyst Michael Lawton said. Slot machines and tables were packed on fight night, May 2, and casinos responded by raising limits to accommodate big spenders. It was the start of a busy month that included the new Rock in Rio outdoor music festival, the World Series of Poker and Memorial Day weekend.

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Selfie sticking point

Walt Disney World is banning selfie sticks from its theme parks, citing safety concerns, a company spokeswoman said yesterday morning. Under a new policy, which takes effect Tuesday, the poles won't make it past the bag check at any Disney World theme park. The sticks also won't be allowed in Disney World water parks or DisneyQuest, a gaming attraction at Downtown Disney. Selfie sticks will also become forbidden at Disneyland Resort in California on Tuesday. The prohibition kicks in at Disney's parks in Paris and Hong Kong on July 1.

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HEADLINE: The tragic **death** of a 'friendly man';

Two-year-old girl fights to survive

BYLINE: JANIS KINNEAR

BODY:

AS he reached the white door, ajar at his cousin's home in Durbanville's Fisantekraal, Ivan Ska was met by the horrific sight of the cousin pleading with his hands but unable to utter a word as blood streamed from his head where he'd been shot.

And on the injured man's chest, lay his two-year-old baby girl, her tiny waist bloodied after one of three gunmen had hit her with a single bullet in her stomach.

Speaking in front of this house of horrors, Skai, 42, said on Saturday evening, he had been making a fire to cook supper when he heard screams nearby.

Someone alerted him that his cousin, Mongezi Gamtele, 35, had been gunned down at home.

He rushed to find the tragic scene of Gamtele taking his last breaths while his daughter, Nosipho Gamtele, 2, clung to life.

"I got such a fright when I got to my cousin's house. He was lying in the doorway with his hands in the air but he couldn't speak. His face was full of blood and the child was on his chest also bleeding," recalled Skai.

The **police** were then alerted and Gamtele was later declared dead at the scene while the toddler was rushed to Red Cross War Memorial Children's |Hospital.

Hospital spokeswoman Angelique Jordaan said the little girl was recovering after having undergone surgery to remove the bullet lodged in her abdomen.

"She is currently in a stable condition and doing well," she added.

It is alleged that three **armed** men had gained access to the **victim's** home after posing as **police officers** dressed in civilian clothing.

With Gamtele not there at the time, the gunmen had demanded his girlfriend call him to rush home. Upon his arrival,

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just in front of his shack, the men took his firearm and shot him in the head.

They then turned a gun on the couple's daughter and shot her in the stomach before they fled the scene.

Skai thinks that his cousin, whom he fondly referred to as Mongi, had been targeted for his licensed firearm and said that it was not the first break-in at Gamtele's house.

"The family is all not okay... Mongi didn't drink, he didn't smoke, he just worked and even made videos in his free time," said Skai.

Funeral arrangements will be finalised this weekend.

Gamtele's neighbour Sicelo Smith, 26, said he was shocked by the murder of Gamtele who had been a "friendly man".

He said the area had a "very high" crime rate, adding that "even now I'm scared for my safety, we want more police".

Police are still hunting for the gunmen.

Police spokesman Colonel Tembinkosi Kinana confirmed that there were no new developments in the case.

Situated about 5km from Durbanville, the Fisantekraal community is reported to have grown substantially and crime has escalated in the area which has seen "increased unemployment and surrounding business closures".

The Durbanville Community Policing Forum (CPF) says it has repeatedly asked for the satellite **police** station serving Fisantekraal to be converted into a fully-fledged station, something the forum says is a "matter of urgency".

The chairwoman of the forum, Lesley Ashton, said cable theft at the satellite station when telephone lines were stolen, hampered communication with the central **police** station which often resulted in slower response times.

Fisantekraal, Ashton added, only had one dedicated **police** vehicle.

Rising crime trends in the area included robberies, assaults, break-ins and armed robberies. In some of the incidents the CPF said "plastic imitation firearms" had been |confiscated.

Ashton said the forum and community were strongly asking the **police** authorities and the Department of Community Safety and other roleplayers for another **police** station.

"The loss of a father and an injured child due to crime is a very sad way to draw attention once again to the recognised shortfalls in ensuring the safety and security of the greater Durbanville community," she added.

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COMCAST FOUNDER, PIONEER OF CABLE TELEVISION DIES

NEW YORK - Ralph Roberts, a businessman with a gentle demeanor who built Comcast from a small cable TV system in Mississippi into one of the nation's largest entertainment companies, has died. He was 95.

Comcast says in a statement that Mr. Roberts died Thursday night in Philadelphia of natural causes.

Mr. Roberts jumped into the fledgling cable TV industry in 1963 by spending \$500,000 to buy American Cable Systems, a company in Tupelo, Miss. He then acquired other cable systems, changed the name of the company to Comcast and ran the company until he was in his 80s.

He handed control of the company to one of his sons, Brian Roberts, who is now Comcast's chairman and CEO. The younger Mr. Roberts expanded beyond his father's vision and led Comcast to own NBCUniversal.

A graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, Roberts also served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a well-known philanthropist in Philadelphia, supporting such efforts as Project H.O.M.E., an outreach program for the homeless. HIGH COURT STRIKES DOWN ARIZ. SIGN ORDINANCE

WASHINGTON - The Supreme Court on Thursday struck down an Arizona town's ordinance that treated signs directing people to a small church's worship services differently than signs with other messages, such as a political candidate's advertisement.

The decision was unanimous in favor of the tiny Good News Community Church, which has a long-running dispute with the town of Gilbert, Ariz., over signs planted in public rights of way directing congregants to church meeting places.

But the justices split over the correct way to decide the case.

Five justices joined Justice Clarence Thomas's decision that the town's regulations are based on the content of the sign's message and thus require the court's highest First Amendment protection.

The town "singles out specific subject matter for differential treatment, even if it does not target viewpoints within that subject matter," Mr. Thomas wrote. "Ideological messages are given more favorable treatment than messages concerning a political candidate, which are themselves given more favorable treatment than messages announcing an assembly of like-minded individuals."

Mr. Thomas wrote, "That is a paradigmatic example of content-based discrimination." **OFFICER**, SUSPECT DEAD AFTER SHOOTOUT

CINCINNATI - Cincinnati's police chief says a policeman and an armed suspect who were shot during a gunfight with other officers have died.

Chief Jeffrey Blackwell says the 27-year police veteran died after the shooting this morning in the Madisonville neighborhood. He said the suspect was also killed.

Blackwell said multiple shots were fired between the suspect and officers responding to a 911 call. The chief says he believes the suspect was on the street when **police** arrived.

The shooting comes nine days after Cincinnati police released a plan for dealing with a recent surge of gun violence in the city.

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HEADLINE: Massacred while they studied the Bible: nine killed by gunman in race attack at black US church; **POLICE** RELEASE IMAGE OF SUSPECT AFTER PASTOR AND WORSHIPPERS ARE SHOT IN SOUTH CAROLINA

BYLINE: David Gardner

BODY:

A HUGE manhunt was under way today after a white gunman opened fire in an African-American church and killed nine people, including a pastor, in a race-hate attack.

The killer burst into the building in Charleston, South Carolina, spraying bullets at his victims as they took part in a Bible study session. **Police** released the first image of the **suspect**, describing him as **armed** and dangerous. The massacre took place in Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church last night. Eight victims were killed in the building and the ninth died in hospital. The pastor, state senator Clementa Pinckney, 41, was among the dead. Another person was injured.

According to local reports, the gunman let one woman escape so she could tell the story, and a girl of five survived by playing dead.

Detectives said the gunman was white, 21 to 25, slender and about 5ft 9ins tall. He wore a grey top, blue jeans and boots, and fled in a black sedan. City **police** chief Gregory Mullen appealed to the public to help catch him, saying the FBI had joined the hunt.

"I do believe it was a hate crime," he added. "This is a tragedy no community should experience, senseless, unfathomable. We are going to do everything in our power to find this individual, to lock him up, to make sure he does not hurt anyone else."

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He said the scene was chaotic when **officers** arrived. They thought a **police** dog had tracked the trail of the suspect, but he got away. Dot Scott, president of the Charleston National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said a survivor told her family the gunman sat down in the church before opening fire, and told her he was letting her live so she could tell the world what happened. Family members said a fiveyear-old girl survived after she was told to play dead by her grandmother.

Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley said: "It was a heartbreaking scene. The only reason someone could walk into a church and shoot people praying is hate. It is the most dastardly act that one could possibly imagine." Soon after the attack a bomb threat was made at the building, but the all-clear was given. **Police** with dogs searched the streets as a helicopter hovered overhead.

Set up in 1816, Emanuel is one of the oldest African-American churches. One of its founders, former slave Denmark Vesey, tried to organise a slave revolt in 1822. Landowners burned his church burnt in revenge. @KiranRandhawa

GRAPHIC: On camera: above, an image of the suspect released by **police**, and an **officer** at the scene with a local man in the aftermath of the attack. Among the victims was pastor Clementa Pinckney, below left, who was also a state senatorCommunity in shock: people comfort each other and pray outside Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, while a **police officer** cordons off the scene

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BODY:

Two innocent students were killed in a raid by security forces, but Fatoni University in Pattani is intent on ending the cycle of violence

'We were building good citizens for a stronger nation, you came and tore them down, said the rector of Fatoni University. We have been left devastated.

That was the powerful statement made by assistant professor Ismaillutfi Japakiya on April 7, responding to a committee of military men, **police officers** and community leaders.

The committee was trying to explain why four innocent young men - including two final year students at Fatoni University - were shot dead in a bungled security raid in Pattani's Thung Yang Daeng district on March 25.

In an attempt to quell outrage among locals, Fourth Army Region commander Lt Gen Prakarn Cholayuth ordered Pattani governor Weerapong Kaewsuwan to appoint a committee to investigate the incident.

The victims of the **fatal** village raid, in which 22 were also detained for questioning, had been accused of involvement with the RKK insurgent group.

But the committee found the four dead men had nothing to do with the group, were not militants and were not carrying any weapons at the time of the raid.

Mr Ismaillutfi broke into tears as he accepted an apology from Lt Gen Prakarn. Even though this does not end today, I am at least glad to know that our children are innocent, he said.

A CHANCE TO LEARN

Fatoni University and its rector had always had a fairly low profile within Thailand, although it is well-known in the Islamic world. But since the Thung Yang Daeng tragedy and unprecedented military apology, the university has been thrust into the spotlight.

Fatoni University was known as Yala Islamic University when it was established in 1996. It was originally located on a 43-rai plot in Muang district, Yala province. Construction was funded by the Islamic Development Bank.

Mr Ismaillutfi founded the university to serve all Muslims in the deep South, with the intention of bringing peace to the area.

The only way to solve the problems here is to introduce education to the area, he told Spectrum.

Before Fatoni was set up, Thai Muslims who wanted to join an Islamic university had to travel to another country, such as Saudi Arabia or Egypt. Mr Ismaillutfi was one such student, and spent 13 years in Saudi Arabia from 1973 to 1986, studying all the way from bachelor's degree level to gaining a doctorate in philosophy.

But he remembers feeling isolated as a student abroad, and said the Thai embassy at the time did little to take care of Thai Muslims in Saudi Arabia.

They treated me like I was not a Thai citizen, Mr Ismaillutfi said, recalling how he felt neglected by officials.

The experience made him consider the plight of other Thai students in similar situations, and got him thinking about how to improve access to a quality Islamic education closer to home.

Five years after returning to Thailand, Mr Ismaillutfi was invited to a Ministry of Foreign Affairs conference to talk about the issues he faced during his time in Saudi Arabia.

He told the audience that problems in the deep South might be linked to the fact that government officials always treat Thai Muslims like outsiders.

He warned that Thai Muslim students often develop stronger bonds with their host nations than with Thailand, adding that many graduate and come home to work as teachers, but request funding from the country where they studied as opposed to Thai sources.

PROVING THEM WRONG

Mr Ismaillutfi realised that opening an Islamic university in Thailand could be the answer to many of the problems he wanted to help solve. He started developing a plan to push forward the project, but it wasn't as easy as he had hoped.

When he first came back from Saudi Arabia, he was monitored by Thai officials.

The continuous pressure started to take its toll, and he almost left the country when officials accused him of being involved with an insurgency group in the deep South.

But his father convinced him to stay where he belonged in Thailand, and to prove security officials wrong by continuing to be an upstanding member of society.

Things gradually improved. Ten years after coming home, he was finally in a position to put his plan into action.

Mr Ismaillutfi established his university in Yala, integrating Islamic teaching with vocational education so that all students could learn skills to make a living.

The university opened in 1996 but wasn't officially approved until 1998, under the name Yala Islamic College.

The first 200 students were enrolled to learn Islamic Law and Usuluddin, which is a programme of Islamic Studies.

In 2004, the university moved its main campus to a 200-rai plot in Pattani, funded by donors from Saudi Arabia.

The majority of the university's operations are now run from Pattani, while the Yala campus hosts an international programme for foreign students. The university has more than 4,000 Thai and international students.

CLASH OF FAITHS

The vast majority of Muslims in Thailand are Sunni, but despite subscribing to the same branch of the religion, people are still divided by differing beliefs.

According to a source who asked to remain anonymous, Fatoni University is considered to teach the new path of Islam. The new path is stricter in terms of religious practice and Islamic law, but more liberal and peaceful, the source said.

The new path aims to support Muslims to follow the teachings of the Koran, while adopting lessons from the academic world to apply to modern life.

The old path, on the other hand, is more nationalistic. Its approach to the Koran is the same, but those who follow the old path do not see themselves as Thai, but as citizens of Pattani state.

We don't hate each other, but we believe in different things, said another local source. We always know who follows which path, but it is just a matter of different beliefs.

Those who adhere to the new path believe that knowledge can solve problems and try to access education from mainstream schools and university. But believers in the old path only send their children to Islamic schools, known locally as Pornoh.

REJECTING BLOODSHED

While some use violence to try and get their own way, Mr Ismaillutfi favours a different approach. He sees education as a sustainable means to ending turmoil in the South.

Since I started the university, my slogan has been that we must foster positive lives before careers, Mr Ismaillutfi said. People must understand their life purpose before knowing what they want to do for a living.

To the rector, that means supporting students to develop high moral values, and helping them consider how their actions affect society as a whole.

Mr Ismaillutfi has tailored the curriculum at the university to achieving this goal, and his course in Peace Studies is compulsory for all students in order to graduate.

He use lessons in the Koran as a key part of teaching the subject, since Islam advocates peaceful approaches to solving problems, and the world Islam itself means peace.

In addition to his academic work, Mr Ismaillutfi is also co-chairman of the Religions for Peace Inter-Religious Council of Thailand.

He used his experience on the council to help design the Peace Studies curriculum around the concept of peace in all five religions officially recognised in Thailand: Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Hinduism and Sikhism.

The rector argues that using peace to fight injustice strengthens the case of the oppressed. He said his Peace Studies course doesn't aim to stop people fighting for what they believe in, but teaches them how to fight in a peaceful manner.

More than 100 years ago the government came into our area and violently abused us, Mr Ismaillutfi said.

It didn't solve anything. In fact, it made the situation worse and locals have been trying to fight back using the same violent approach since then.

AT THE CENTRE OF ASEAN

Ongoing violence in the deep South means the university is located in a safety red zone. However, foreign students still choose to come and study there.

The number of overseas students has been rising steadily every year. Fatoni now has 200 foreign students enrolled, from

12 countries including Cambodia, China, Myanmar and Laos.

Assistant professor Sukree Langputeh, the deputy rector for academic affairs and research at the university, told Spectrum that schools in China are impressed with the education their students receive in Thailand.

The schools had previously sent their students to study in the Middle East, but when those young people returned to China they seemed a bit rough.

However, students returning from Thailand exhibit a different attitude. The Chinese schools say they seem friendly, gentle and peaceful - like Muslim people from the south of Thailand.

Another factor that makes Fatoni University popular is that foreign students can learn a range of languages.

If they study in Saudi Arabia, they can only learn Arabic, but here they can learn Thai, Malay, English and Arabic, Mr Sukree said.

The forthcoming Asean Economic Community means that many Muslim students from across Asia, especially the Chinese, see Pattani as a hub for business opportunities with other Asean countries, he added.

We have taught Chinese entrepreneurs who own businesses in Malaysia, Mr Sukree explained.

They said coming to study here was great since they could learn the Malay language and be close to Malaysia, which benefits their businesses in the long term.

After Mr Ismaillutfi addressed the Ministry of Foreign Affairs conference 14 years ago, things started to get better for Thai Muslims who went to study abroad. Officials made more effort to interact with them and helped build networks between isolated students.

However the rector is convinced that studying at home provides the best option for Thai Muslims. He says students benefit from understanding the national culture and politics, and from developing a sense of civic duty and morality within that context.

Mr Ismaillutfi now wants all schools in Thailand to start teaching a form of Peace Studies, arguing that peace is the only way to solve violence and political conflicts in all corners of the country.

My students wouldn't have lost their lives and others will not die in the future if everyone chooses to solve their problems with peace, he said.

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BODY:

At the direction of Dutchess County District Attorney William Grady, the New York State **Police**, in conjunction with the City of Beacon **Police** Department, commenced an investigation into the shooting **death** of an **armed suspect** by a City of Beacon **police officer**.

At approximately 3:30pm today, a white male suspect, while at Memorial Park in City of Beacon, car-jacked a vehicle at knife point. City of Beacon P.D. responded. Suspect subsequently abandoned the stolen vehicle on North Elm Street and a foot pursuit ensued through a wooded area near I-84. Suspect ran in a northerly direction across the eastbound and westbound lanes of I-84 near Exit 11. Just off the westbound shoulder, the suspect threatened pursuing **officers** with a large knife and was subsequently shot and killed by **police.**

Eastbound and westbound lanes of I-84 were shut down for a period of time to process the scene of the shooting, causing delays for motorists.

Release of suspect's identity is pending notification of next of kin.

Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

Any witnesses are asked to contact the New York State **Police** Troop K Headquarters, Poughkeepsie at 845-677-7300. 2015 Legal Monitor Worldwide.

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HEADLINE: 'I have to do it. You rape our women & are taking over our country. You have to go.'

BYLINE: BY EDGAR SANDOVAL in Charleston, S.C. RACHELLE BLIDNER and LARRY McSHANE With Cameron Joseph

BODY:

ONE WEEK before his arrest for a racist rampage at a revered Southern church, Dylann Storm Roof shared an apocalyptic vision of mass murder with a trailer park neighbor.

"He was looking to kill a bunch of people," recalled Christon Scriven, 22, just hours before his bigoted buddy's arrest for a racially motivated killing spree. "He flat out told us he was going to do this stuff. He's just off in the head . . . Weird."

The hate-fueled white gunman was busted Thursday morning after a 14-hour manhunt, suspected in the execution of nine helpless black worshippers inside the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

The innocent, **unarmed victims** ranged in age from 26 to 87 - and included the venerable church's pastor, an acquaintance of President Obama and First Lady Michelle.

Chilling details emerged about Roof's racist rants inside the church, the ignored pleas of his victims as he reloaded his handgun five times - and his release of one terrified woman to serve as a witness to the carnage.

"The shooter said, 'I'm not going to shoot you because I want you to tell everyone what happened,' " Charleston NAACP chapter President Dot Scott told a local newspaper, the Post and Courier.

Roof arrived at 8 p.m. for the Wednesday prayer meeting, bringing a heart filled with evil and a fully loaded handgun, officials said. He spent an hour with his victims before declaring his murderous intent with a merciless four-word announcement: "You have to go."

Sylvia Johnson, a cousin of the slain pastor, the Rev. Clementa Pinckney, told MSNBC that a survivor recounted how Roof delivered one final crazed comment before the shooting started.

"I have to do it," he was quoted as saying. "You rape our women and you're taking over our country."

Eight of the victims were found dead inside the house of worship with two centuries of history, while the ninth died in the operating room of a nearby hospital.

Three people survived the bloodshed, although authorities released no details about the fortunate trio.

Roof, 21, a high school dropout and accused drug user, was nabbed after driving 245 miles from the church parking lot to the town of Shelby, N.C. - where a woman recognized his black Hyundai and Three Stooges-style bowl haircut.

"A terrible human being who would go into a place of worship where people are praying and kill them is now in custody - where he will always remain," said Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley.

The mass slaying of the pastor and his flock during an evening Bible study session was immediately labeled a hate crime, even as it echoed sad chapters from America's violent past.

President Obama invoked the killing of four black girls in a 1963 Birmingham, Ala., church bombing by the Ku Klux Klan. And the shooting spree harkened to mass killings at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, a Colorado movie theater and the carnage at Virginia Tech.

"The fact that this took place in a black church obviously . . . raises questions about a dark part of our history," the President declared.

But Obama also took aim at a Congress that has repeatedly rebuffed White House efforts on gun control.

"At some point, we as a country will have to reckon with the fact that this type of mass violence does not happen in other advanced countries," he said.

"And it is in our power to do something about it. I say that, recognizing the politics in this town foreclose a lot of those avenues right now."

Obama noted that he and his wife personally knew some parishioners at the church - including its slain pastor, who was also a South Carolina politician.

In other developments:

* The FBI learned of Roof's identity when childhood friend Joey Meek, 20, recognized his skinny friend's face and grimy gray sweatshirt in a surveillance camera frame grab from the church.

"I didn't THINK it was him," Meek said. "I KNEW it was him."

- * Roof waived both his right to extradition and his right to counsel at a 10-minute North Carolina hearing, clearing the way for his Thursday night return to South Carolina.
- * Cops released Roof's 2015 rap sheet: A Feb. 28 bust for possession of a controlled substance in the local mall and an April 26 arrest for trespassing at the same mall.
- * An ominous Facebook photo showed the demented mass murder suspect glaring into the camera while wearing a black jacket decorated with an apartheid-era South African flag.
- * Roof's father, Ben, refused to comment, calling the cops on a reporter at his South Carolina home. The suspect's uncle said the dad's 21st birthday present to Roof in April was a .45-caliber handgun.
- * The South Carolina state Legislature came under fire when the Confederate flag, a symbol of the Civil War and slavery, flew at full staff above the Statehouse after the racist murders.

- * The multiple murder suspect's sister, 27-year-old Amber, is scheduled to get married Sunday.
- * None of the GOP presidential hopefuls Sens. Marco Rubio, Rand Paul and Ted Cruz linked gun control to the mass killing at the annual Faith & Freedom Coalition's convention.

But Democratic front-runner Hillary Clinton said the time for legislation was now. "We have to be honest," she said Thursday. "How many people do we need to see cut down before we act?"

Charleston County Coroner Rae Wooten read off the sad litany of victims' names, noting all were shot to **death** without giving any specifics.

The best known was the well-respected Rev. Pinckney, 41, who served as both pastor and state senator. Pinckney, the father of two girls and a preaching prodigy since age 13, was elected to the Statehouse at 23 - making him the youngest member of the House at the time.

Three other church officials were also killed: Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, 45, Daniel Simmons, 74, and Mira Thompson, 59. Other victims included longtime parishioner Susie Jackson, 87, and one-time church janitor Ethel Lance, 70.

The others killed were identified as public library branch manager Cynthia Hurd, 54; college enrollment counselor DePayne Doctor, 49; and recent college graduate Tywanza Sanders, 26.

Roof's appearance at the church meeting did not alarm any of the worshippers, who are used to drop-ins from tourists visiting the historical building.

Authorities said the arrest of the suspect came without incident at 10:49 a.m. after a local citizen called **police** to report she had spied Roof in his getaway car.

Roof, roughly 25 minutes after he was stopped by cops, surrendered quietly. Charleston **Police** Chief Greg Mullen characterized the killer as "cooperative" as he was taken into custody by local **officers. Police** said the **suspect** was still **armed** when approached by cops. Authorities believe Roof acted alone in planning and executing the lethal attack.

A woman on her way to work at a Shelby florist recognized Roof's black Hyundai on Highway 74 and called her boss - who in turn dialed the cops.

"I knew it was a black car . . . I saw pictures of him with the bowl cut," a teary Debbie Dills told the Shelby Star newspaper.

Roof was fitted by cops with a bulletproof vest and shackles on his hands and feet before he was taken from the local **police** station to court.

Roof's trailer park pal Scriven, who is black, said the suspected shooter initially plotted to target the College of Charleston and not the church.

"You don't know when to take him seriously and when not to," said Scriven. "To be honest, I didn't react (to the news). I was like, 'Awww man, he did that s---.'

South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham said his niece Emily was once in the same eighth-grade class as Roof - described by the GOP presidential hopeful as "one of these whacked out kids."

Graham, after speaking with his sister Darline Nordone and his niece, told CNN that his relatives had nothing positive to say about Roof.

"He was quiet, strange, very anti-social and everyone thought he was on drugs," said Graham. ". . . It's about a young man who is obviously twisted."

Roof could face the death penalty under South Carolina law or federal hate crime statutes if the case goes that route.

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GRAPHIC: MAP, A man weeps outside Emanuel AME Church Wednesday night after massacre, allegedly by Dylann Roof (l., in custody Thursday in North Carolina). AP Joey Meek (r.) said he knew Roof was the suspect when he saw his picture on TV (top). Roof was captured in Shelby, N.C., about 245 miles from Charleston (map) after a woman recognized his black Hyundai (above). AP

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HEADLINE: Amir Khan remanded in **police** custody for one week

BYLINE: ISHAQ TANOLI

BODY:

An antiterrorism court on Friday remanded Muttahida Qaumi Movement leader Amir Khan in **police** custody for a week in a case pertaining to instigating terrorism and harbouring criminals.

The MQM leader was picked up along with dozens of other suspects by the Rangers in a pre-dawn raid on and around the party headquarters Nine Zero in Azizabad some three months ago.

While placing them under 90-day preventive detention, the paramilitary force had informed a court that they had credible information about their alleged involvement in offences related to targeted killing and terrorism.

On June 4, the Rangers handed over the MQM leader to the **police** after registering a case against him and others for allegedly harbouring criminals and using them for terrorist activities.

Amid tight security arrangements, the **police** on Friday produced Amir Khan before the ATC and the investigating **officer** sought his custody for two weeks for questioning.

However, the judge of the ATC-II handed over the MQM leader to **police** on physical remand for one week and asked the investigating **officer** to produce him at the next hearing along with a progress report.

Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and other party leaders were also present in the court during the hearing, while dozens of female activists of the MQM staged a protest demonstration outside the court.

According to the FIR, the Rangers during the March 11 raid had arrested 26 **armed suspects** including Faisal Mehmood alias Mota, who was sentenced to **death** by a court in absentia for the murder of journalist Wali Khan Babar; Obaid alias K2, who was wanted in many cases; and Noman alias Nomi, an absconder in the Advocate Niamat Ali Randhawa murder case.

Besides, 59 others suspects, including Amir Khan, had also been arrested during the raid and placed under preventive detention, the FIR added.

It alleged that the MQM leader and others admitted during questioning that Amir Khan was in charge of the party headquarters security and he along with Minhaj Qazi, Raees Mama, Shahzad Mullah, Imran Ijaz Niazi and Naeem alias Mullah had allegedly provided shelter to arrested criminals and had been using them for terrorist activities.

A joint investigation team (JIT) recommended the registration of a case against the MQM leader and others, it concluded.

The case was registered against Amir Khan and others under Sections 11V (directing terrorist activities), 21J (harbouring any person who committed an offence under this act) and 7 (punishment for act of terrorism) of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 on a complaint of Deputy Superintendent Rangers Ashraf Hussain at the Azizabad **police** station.

The offences in question carry life imprisonment and confiscation of assets.

After the hearing, MQM leader Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui said they were being politically victimised. He said his party had faced similar accusations in the past also. He added that the party was being pushed to the wall and Amir Khan was falsely implicated in the case as the suspects had not been declared criminals yet by courts.

38 suspects released

Meanwhile, the paramilitary force submitted release orders of 38 suspects, including former MQM lawmaker Yusuf Munir Sheikh, to the ATC after they had been found guiltless during interrogation, it emerged on Friday.

In the release order, the Rangers said that in the light of the recommendations of JIT reports, the Sachal section commander of the Rangers ordered their release for they were no more required for questioning.

The 38 suspects, who had been taken into custody during the March 11 raid, were released during the current and past weeks.

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HEADLINE: Sabotage fears after woman is nearly killed in 4,000f t skydive

BYLINE: Sam Marsden; Ben Wilkinson

BODY:

A SKYDIVER narrowly cheated death after her parachute failed through suspected sabotage.

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Concerned fellow skydivers had alerted detectives to their suspicions that the woman's parachute had been tampered with. And **police** found evidence that 'slinks' - connectors that join the parachute's canopy to its harness - had been deliberately removed.

The incident unfolded when the experienced skydiver was carrying out a routine jump at Netheravon Airfield on Salisbury Plain on April 5. The woman, from Amesbury in Wiltshire, was taken to Southampton hospital with 'multiple serious injuries', including broken ribs and legs. She is recovering at home.

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'Nearly lost her life'

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BY SAM MARSDEN AND BEN WILKINSON

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HEADLINE: Readers' Voice

BODY:

I am so sick and tired of hearing about Montessori children. Please, give me a break.

Most **police officers** I believe are good **police officers** and maybe 1 percent or less are bad **police officers**. I think with the way the media treats **police officers** that if I were one, I would want to quit.

I also get phone calls from my name and number. It's from a credit card company wanting to lower my interest. I just hang up.

The Republican Party should just change their name to the Koch Brothers Party.

Why can't we get the **police** to come and arrest drug dealers?

The owners of the restaurants in Charleston should buy generators.

If cursive is taught in the third grade, why do we still have a class of 13 and 14 year olds that can neither read nor write cursive?

I applaud the County Commissioners for going after the PSC and the rate hikes on these utilities. I just wish it had happened several years ago when the water and electric companies kept getting raise after raise every year.

Does a foster child who is adopted have a social worker or someone to watch over the parents and the wellness of the child? This is very important information that I need.

It's my understanding that cursive writing is not taught in school now in any grade.

It is extremely poor planning to block the Southside Bridge ramp two days in a row. The cops there do not know how to direct traffic.

As far as food trucks parking in front of restaurants goes, that needs to be stopped. The restaurants have a real investment in the city of Charleston and pay property taxes, business taxes and so forth. The food trucks may pay business taxes, but that's about it. All they're doing is using the established business as their draw and then stealing their business. That needs to be stopped.

If the United States was made up of organs like the human body West Virginia would be the large intestine. Full of wastes and getting out is the only option for relief.

Can the Gazette inform the public as to the status of the penalty given those rioters and looters in Baltimore? If any?

When they determine who aided in the escape of the two convicted murderers from the New York prison, give them the same sentence as the two escapees. If there is any loss of life from this escape, then the **death** penalty should be considered.

Charleston City Ordinance Section 114-706 clearly states: "No person shall ride any bicycle upon any sidewalk within the city except where, by ordinance, the council of the city has designated such sidewalk as an official bicycle route and has marked such sidewalk with appropriate signs to that effect." Why will the Charleston **Police** not enforce this ordinance?

Which genius legislators thought it'd be a good idea to rob me of my right to know who's carrying a concealed weapon in my vicinity? As usual, this is a law the consequences of which fall most heavily on women. If a deranged stalker has already violated a restraining order, it would seem important for the **victim** to know he's now **armed**, wouldn't you think?

The person complaining about Mountain Justice camping at Kanawha State Forest will be glad to know that they paid full price for the shelters for the entire week, providing much needed revenue to support the Forest.

If the Legislature requires all Welfare recipients to take drug tests in order to receive benefits then I think the Legislature should be required to pass IQ tests in order to write such legislation. Fair is fair!

Sure would appreciate some repair to the St. Albans stop lights. Sitting waaaaay too long for light changes!!!

West Virginia's DOH, if the department is out of finances, they should look at themselves as a business. Things to look for: too many roads (need to decommission some), too many unneeded supervisor's (higher paychecks). This would give some wasted money to cut grass, fix potholes and maybe pave some roads.

If anyone in Winfield other than the elected officials has requested a new city hall, as the mayor claims is one reason to annex 200 acres that conveniently has 30 plus businesses (more b&o taxes), please publish your names in the paper so all can see. Hurricane and now Winfield have to have the most greedy scum of all WV towns. Oops, forgot about Dollar Danny of Charleston.

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HEADLINE: Lagos, **Police** Tackle Insecurity, Step Up Okada Ban Enforcement

BYLINE: Olasukanmi Akoni and Monsuru Olowoopejo

BODY:

In recent times, there has been a rising wave of crime rates, especially in Lagos, which has continued to put residents and visitors to the megacity in palpable fear of being victims of attacks from hoodlums and armed bandits.

Burdened with the enormous challenge of curtailing the rising crime rate in the state, the state **Police** Command, has advised Governor Akinwunmi Ambode to provide combat-ready helicopters for its men and **officers** to mount surveillance across the state.

The rising crime rate in the state, hit the head, last Friday, following the murder of one Sodiq in the Mushin area of the state. Sodiq, it was said, was murdered in cold blood by unknown gunmen, around 2pm, shortly after Jumaat service. The killings in the area which was becoming a recurring decimal irked residents, who protested at the Lagos State House of Assembly, to register their displeasure.

Speaking on behalf of the aggrieved residents, Mr. Abiodun Leshi, explained that the affected streets that have lost sleep in recent times were Taniolodo, Lawani and Ojelawe.

In a related development, there is a fresh battle by Lagos State Government to tackle the resurgence of motorcycle operators popularly called Okada riders in all the 475 restricted roads including bridges and highways in the state. Recall that the last administration of Babatunde Fashola, in 2012, signed the Lagos Road Traffic Bill into law, restricting operations of okada riders from specific roads in the state.

At onset, there was high compliance by the riders, but towards the 2015 general elections, there was an explosion in the resurgence of riders across the state, even on restricted routes. Angered that the riders apparently took advantage of election period to flout the law, the state government last weekend, issued a 48-hour ultimatum to the recalcitrant okada riders, not to ply the 475 restricted roads, including bridges and highways. It warned that failure to adhere to the law, both the rider and the passengers, will be prosecuted by a Special Taskforce it has set-up.

Meanwhile, on the increasing crime rate in the state, **police officers**, particularly Divisional **Police Officers** and Area Commanders, who spoke during an interactive session with Ambode, last week, at the Oduduwa **Police** Command in Ikeja, lamented that the perennial traffic gridlocks in the metropolis was affecting prompt arrival of the **Police** at crime scenes, adding that the situation calls for the need of aerial patrol across the state to stem the tide.

Other complaints tabled before the governor was that the helicopters procured by the last administration were not fully equipped to combat-ready standard, that the daily increase in the state population required the **police** to adopt more surveillance strategies, that the number of patrol vehicles were not enough to enforce the 2012 road traffic law.

Responding, Ambode said "When we had our security council meeting, this was one of the issues raised at the meeting. We know that the helicopters we have at the moment are not combat ready. So we are looking for helicopters that can perform multi-task that is an helicopter that can patrol the state during the day and at night.

"We want to make sure that we keep the state safe always. Whatever strategy it would require for us to have a safe society, this administration will do it to ensure that lives and property are well protected. The final solution is that we must have an integrated security plan in the state that would ensure that we are safe in the air, on land and water. All these will be integrated together using the Nigerian **Police.**"

The governor noted that vehicles would be provided to patrol the state and adequate fuel would be supplied to ensure movement of the vehicles, adding that his administration would reactivate the fuel collection point and ensure that adequate fuel is provided weekly.

However, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Transportation, Mr. Oluseyi Coker, who stressed that the Traffic Law (Schedule 11) which restricts the operations of motorcycle as well as Regulation 16 Sub-sections 4, 5 and 6 of the Law are sacrosanct said: "Section 3 Sub-section 1 of the Law stipulates that "No person shall ride, drive or propel a cart, wheel barrow, motorcycle or tricycle on any of the routes specified in Schedule 11 to this Law.

"However, it is disheartening to see that motorcycle operators have resurfaced on our restricted roads especially in areas such as Ikeja, Isolo, Apapa, Agege, Epe, Ijede, Shomolu/ Bariga, Ifako Ijaiye/ Ojokoro, Ikorodu, Mushin, Ketu, Ojota, Lagos Island, Ojodu and Badagry, in spite of the various efforts of the past administrations in the State to ensure that the menace of motorcycle operators is curbed and the rate of accident, injuries and death is reduced drastically in the state."

"The present administration of Ambode would not fold its arms and allow lawlessness, indiscipline, flagrant disobedience to law and order, loss of lives and property of innocent citizens of the state to continue unabated," he said.

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HEADLINE: 'I have to do it. You rape our women & are taking over our country. You have to go.'

BYLINE: BY EDGAR SANDOVAL in Charleston, S.C., RACHELLE BLIDNER and LARRY McSHANE With Cameron Joseph

BODY:

ONE WEEK before his arrest for a racist rampage at a revered Southern church, Dylann Storm Roof shared an apocalyptic vision of mass murder with a trailer park neighbor.

"He was looking to kill a bunch of people," recalled Christon Scriven, 22, just hours before his bigoted buddy's arrest for a racially motivated killing spree. "He flat out told us he was going to do this stuff. He's just off in the head . . . Weird."

The hate-fueled white gunman was busted Thursday morning after a 14-hour manhunt, suspected in the execution of nine helpless black worshippers inside the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.

The innocent, **unarmed victims** ranged in age from 26 to 87 - and included the venerable church's pastor, an acquaintance of President Obama and First Lady Michelle.

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BYLINE: BY EDGAR SANDOVAL in Charleston, S.C., RACHELLE BLIDNER and LARRY McSHANE With Cameron Joseph

BODY:

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An antiterrorism court issued on Thursday a notice to a prosecutor on a bail application of Muttahida Qaumi Movement leader Aamir Khan in a case pertaining to instigating terrorism and harbouring criminals.

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Aamir Khan through his counsel moved a bail application and the judge of ATC-II issued a notice to a special public prosecutor on the application for Friday.

Copies of the prosecution's documents were also provided to the suspect, a mandatory procedure before indictment, as required under Section 265-C (supply of statements and documents to accused) of the criminal procedure code.

The prosecution said that the paramilitary force had also arrested 26 **armed suspects**, including Faisal Mehmood alias Mota, who had been sentenced to **death** by a court in absentia for the murder of journalist Wali Khan Babar, and other wanted and absconding suspects during the March 11 raid.

It further said that the MQM leader was in charge of the party headquarters security and he with five others had allegedly provided shelter to arrested criminals and had been using them for terrorist activities in the city.

A case was registered under Sections 11V (directing terrorist activities), 21J (harbouring any person who committed an offence under this act) and 7 (punishment for act of terrorism) of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997 on a complaint of a Rangers official at the Azizabad **police** station.

Remand in double murder case extended

An antiterrorism court extended on Thursday the physical remand of a suspect in a double murder case till July 5.

Umair Hassan Siddiqui, said to be a worker of the Muttahida Qaumi Movement, has been booked for allegedly killing two tea vendors Niaz Gul and Iqbal Hussain in Gulshan-e-Maymar in April 2013.

After the end of his first remand, the **police** again produced the suspect in court. Special public prosecutor of the Rangers Rana Khalid submitted that the suspect was placed under 90-day preventive detention by the paramilitary force in March and he confessed before a joint investigation team to his alleged involvement in dozens of cases of targeted

killing.

The prosecutor sought extension in the physical remand of the suspect for further questioning and arrest of his accomplices.

Defence lawyer Latif Pasha, who is also a member of the MQM legal aid committee, opposed the extension in **police** custody and contended that the allegations were baseless as the prosecution could not bring out any incriminating evidence against the suspect despite keeping him in detention for three months.

The judge of the ATC-II granted a 10-day extension in the physical remand of the suspect and asked the investigating **officer** to produce him in court with a progress report on the next hearing.

Meanwhile, another ATC remanded on Thursday the same suspect in **police** custody for two weeks in a case pertaining to the murder of a paramilitary soldier.

The suspect was accused of killing Rangers personnel Shaukat near the Suparco office within the jurisdiction of the Mobina Town police station in 2010.

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HEADLINE: Charge-sheet filed against Aamir Khan in ATC

BYLINE: ISHAQ TANOLI

BODY:

Police submitted on Tuesday a charge-sheet in an antiterrorism court against Muttahida Qaumi Movement leader Aamir Khan in a case of instigating terrorism and harbouring criminals.

The Pakistan Rangers had detained the MQM leader with dozens of other suspects for three months following their arrest during a raid in and around the party headquarters, Nine Zero, in Azizabad on March 11 and recently booked him for allegedly providing shelter to criminals and using them for terrorist activities.

The investigating officer, Inspector Mohsin Hasan Zaidi, through a special public prosecutor of Rangers submitted the investigation report in court in which he charge-sheeted Aamir Khan for allegedly instigating terrorism and harbouring criminals.

The IO did not name anyone as absconding accused and placed six officials of Rangers and **police** as prosecution witnesses in the charge-sheet.

After admitting the investigation report for hearing, the ATC-II judge fixed June 25 for supply of copies of the report to the suspect, a mandatory procedure before indictment, as required under Section 265-C (supply of statements and documents to accused) of the criminal procedure code.

The paramilitary force had placed the MQM leader with around 60 others under 90-day preventive detention after the raid and informed court that they had credible information about their alleged involvement in offences related to targeted killing and terrorism.

On June 4, the Rangers handed Aamir Khan over to the **police** after registering a case against him and the following day **police** got his one-week physical remand. On June 12, court remanded the MQM leader in prison and asked the **police** to file an investigation report.

According to the prosecution, around 59 suspects, including Aamir Khan, were placed under preventive detention and the paramilitary force had also arrested 26 **armed suspects**, including Faisal Mehmood alias Mota, who was sentenced to **death** by a court in absentia for the murder of journalist Wali Khan Babar; Obaid alias K2, who was wanted in many cases; and Noman alias Nomi, an absconder in the Advocate Niamat Ali Randhawa murder case during the March 11 raid.

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Rangers detain 11 ST men for three months

Pakistan Rangers, Sindh, informed an antiterrorism court on Tuesday about the 90-day preventive detention of 11 workers of the Sunni Tehreek (ST) for questioning.

Rangers along with their legal team produced Rizwan alias Guddu, Arif Mansoori, Jawad Qadri, Akram alias Kala, Farhan alias Baba, Imran Saeedi, Muhammad Alam, Shakeel alias Fuji, Salman alias Mirchi, Zubair Ali and Noor Alam in the chamber of the judge in charge of the ATC-III, Akhlaq Hussain Larak, amid tight security.

They submitted that the detainees were picked up during a raid on the office of the ST upon receiving credible information about their involvement in targeted killing, extortion and other offences which fall within the ambit of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.

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Police produced Khan before the anti-terrorism court-II and the investigating **officer** sought his custody for two weeks for questioning.

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HEADLINE: Charge sheet against Amir Khan submitted to ATC

BODY:

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HEADLINE: US **police** killing 2 suspects a day

BODY:

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HEADLINE: Rage in Cleveland Cop cleared in 137-shot outburst that killed 2

BYLINE: BY MELISSA CHAN and DEBORAH HASTINGS NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

BODY:

THE ACQUITTAL Saturday of a white Cleveland cop for firing the final blasts of a 137-shot **police** barrage that killed two unarmed blacks ignited outrage and protests.

Police Officer Michael Brelo, 31, was the only one of the 13 **officers** who opened fire in November 2012 to face criminal charges - and a Cleveland judge found him not guilty in the bench trial.

Prosecutors charged Brelo unloaded 49 shots, including a 15-bullet fusillade while standing on the hood of the car and blasting through the windshield at victims Timothy Russell, 43, and Malissa Williams, 30.

Brelo wept, held his head in his hands and occasionally made the sign of the cross as Judge John O'Donnell found him not guilty.

The shooting followed a 62-car, 100 mph chase that one prosecutor said looked like a clip from the movie "The Blues Brothers." The chase was triggered in downtown Cleveland after cops reacted to what they believed was a gunshot, but was instead Russell's Chevy Malibu backfiring.

Russell was shot 23 times, and Williams was struck by 24 bullets.

Neither **victim was armed.** More than 200 angry but peaceful protesters immediately took to the Cleveland streets, some carrying signs asking, "Will I be next?"

Racial tensions in Cleveland were already strained by the killing six months ago of Tamir Rice, a 12-year-old black boy shot to **death** by a rookie white cop. The pre-teen was carrying a pellet gun.

"This verdict is another chilling reminder of a broken relationship between the Cleveland **police** department and the community it serves," said U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge.

Cleveland community activist Carole Steiner agreed: "Police murder people of color and not have to serve one day in

jail."

Russell's sister, Michelle, called for peaceful protests and stressed the ruling was not the final word.

"He's not going to dodge this just because he was acquitted," she said. "God will have the final say."

But the U.S. Justice Department may get a crack at the case first. A review of evidence in the state trial could lead to a federal civil rights prosecution of Brelo, who was facing 22 years in prison before being cleared of voluntary manslaughter.

GRAPHIC: Michael Brelo (center) was one of 13 **officers** who fired during a high-speed chase, killing Timothy Russell (l.) and Melissa Williams (r.).

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: ACQUITTAL (91%); SHOOTINGS (90%); PROTESTS & DEMONSTRATIONS (90%); VERDICTS (90%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (90%); MURDER (78%); JUSTICE DEPARTMENTS (78%); MANSLAUGHTER (78%); POLICE FORCES (78%); JAIL SENTENCING (77%); COMMUNITY ACTIVISM (77%); EVIDENCE (76%); JUDGES (76%); VOLUNTARY MANSLAUGHTER (72%); CRIMINAL OFFENSES (72%); CIVIL RIGHTS (65%)

PERSON: MARCIA FUDGE (50%)

GEOGRAPHIC: UNITED STATES (79%)

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June 13, 2015 Saturday

SECTION: Vol. LXIX No. 163

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HEADLINE: Amir Khan remanded in judicial custody

BYLINE: Ishaq Tanoli

BODY:

An antiterrorism court on Friday remanded Muttahida Qaumi Movement leader Amir Khan in judicial custody in a case of instigating terrorism and harbouring criminals.

After the end of his one-week physical remand, police produced the MQM leader in court again amid tight security.

The investigating **officer** submitted that he be sent to prison as his custody was no longer needed for questioning. The ATC-II judge sent Amir Khan to prison on judicial remand till June 25 and asked the IO to submit an investigation report till next hearing.

Defence lawyer Shaukat Hayat moved an application seeking B-class (better facilities) in prison for the MQM leader by submitting that his client was entitled to it under Section 248 of the Prison Rules as he was a postgraduate and also a taxpayer.

The court provisionally allowed the application subject to the verification of the degree and tax record.

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The case was registered at the Azizabad **police** station on a complaint of Rangers Deputy Superintendent Ashraf Hussain under Sections 11V (directing terrorist activities), 21J (harbouring any person who committed an offence under this act) and 7 (punishment for act of terrorism) of the Anti-Terrorism Act, 1997.

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

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SECTION: TIMES CITY

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HEADLINE: Hindu Munnani man hacked to death

BODY:

A 32-year-old Hindu Munnani leader in Avadi was hacked to **death** on Monday evening. **Police** said Ezhil Murugan was talking to his friends when the **suspect**, Kapali alias B Damodaran, **armed** with a hammer, attacked Ezhil Murugan on the head.Murugan's friends intervened and rushed him to the Avadi government hospital where he was declared brought dead on arrival."There is no communal angle behind the murder," said a **police officer**.

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: MURDER (88%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (87%)

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The Vancouver Province (British Columbia)

May 12, 2015 Tuesday Final Edition

SECTION: NEWS; Pg. A3

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HEADLINE: Suspect in slaying believed to be armed, dangerous: RCMP

BYLINE: Cheryl Chan, The Province

BODY:

Police have issued a warrant for the arrest of a 34-year-old Surrey man wanted in the Mother's Day domestic slaying of a young mom.

Gordon Alexander David, also known as Alex David, is accused of killing his wife, Cady Quaw, 23. He is wanted for manslaughter and aggravated assault, and is believed to be armed and dangerous.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team issued the notice Monday, a day after **officers** found Quaw injured in a basement suite in the 9400-block 140th Street. Quaw succumbed to her injuries in hospital.

Another woman was also found injured in the home. She remains in stable condition.

Rita Quaw was stunned to hear about the news of her cousin's death.

"It was a shock," said the 38-yearold Penticton woman. "I felt like it's finally sunk in today. I babysat her for most of my life, and I feel like crap."

Quaw has a large family who are grieving their loss. She leaves behind a daughter, who she took care of in Surrey, and a son, who lived in northern B.C., said Rita.

Her cousin was a soft-spoken and quiet woman, but strong, said Rita: "She was going through a lot of stuff, but she was very loving, especially towards her dad and mom and brothers and sister."

Rita said Quaw spent her childhood on the Saik'uz First Nation reserve outside Vanderhoof. David was from the same reserve and the two grew up together.

But she had fallen out of touch with her cousin, whom she last saw in 2009.

"She was like a daughter to me growing up.

"I wish I had the chance to repair our relationship before this happened," she said.

Provincial court records show David has a long criminal history and has been a repeat visitor to many B.C. courthouses,

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Tuesday

from Vanderhoof and Fort St. James to Surrey, Vancouver and New Westminster.

He was expected to appear in New Westminster court later this month on a slew of charges, including assault, uttering threats, theft, robbery and breaches.

David is described as five-foot-six, about 160 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and a slim build. On his right forearm is a tattoo of comedy and tragedy masks and skulls.

Anyone who knows the whereabouts of David shouldn't approach him, but should call 911, **police** said. chchan@theprovince.com twitter.com/cherylchan !@COPYRIGHT=© 2015 Postmedia Network Inc. All rights reserved.

GRAPHIC: Cady Quaw - Facebook Files/;

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PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: HOMICIDE (91%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (90%); ARREST WARRANTS (90%); ARRESTS (90%); CRIMINAL ASSAULT & BATTERY (89%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (79%); MANSLAUGHTER (78%); DOMESTIC OFFENSES (78%); INVESTIGATIONS (76%); ROBBERY (76%); NATIVE AMERICANS (64%); LAW COURTS & TRIBUNALS (62%); INTERNET SOCIAL NETWORKING (60%)

PUB-SUBJECT: police, issued, warrant, arrest, surrey, wanted

GEOGRAPHIC: VANCOUVER, BC, CANADA (54%) BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA (54%) CANADA (54%)

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Argus Weekend (South Africa)

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SECTION: NEWS; Pg. 4

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HEADLINE: Man shot dead in Gugulethu Mall crossfire was street vendor

BYLINE: ASANDA SOKANYILE

BODY:

A STREET vendor was killed in the crossfire between security guards and robbers at the Gugulethu Mall on Friday.

Farai Fambira, a 39-year-old Zimbabwean, made a living selling DVDs, CDs and padlocks at the entrance of the mall, to support his wife and three children who live in Zimbabwe.

Fambira had just set up his stall when a group of five robbers attempted to rob a cash-in-transit vehicle.

Witnesses said Fambira hid behind a dairy truck when the shooting started.

"We all fell to the ground as soon as we heard the gunshots. Rasta (Fambira) hid behind that truck because it was closest to his stall."

Witnesses say that the security guards may have mistaken Fambira for a robber.

"We kept shouting that he wasn't one of the robbers but the security guards just wouldn't stop shooting.

"There were many shots, the two guards were standing over Rasta and one was even kicking him," said street vendor Phumeza Mangaliso.

Police spokesman AndrÃ" Traut confirmed the incident and said one of the robbers was injured and was in **police** custody.

"Five **armed suspects** opened fire on two security **officers** who were transporting cash, and in the crossfire a male bystander was fatally wounded. One of the suspects was wounded and subsequently arrested and is being treated," said Traut.

He said the security guards escaped unharmed and no cash was stolen.

"The remaining four suspects fled the scene and are yet to be arrested. The matter is still under investigation."

Togar Mabharani, Fambira's relative said he was woken by people who were at the scene when his cousin was killed.

"According to the witnesses they tried to shout and inform the security guards that he was not one of the robbers but they went ahead and shot him |anyway.

"He was not a criminal, he just sold his things to feed his family," says Mabharani.

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LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

JOURNAL-CODE: CZ

SUBJECT: SHOOTINGS (91%); TEMPORARY STAND RETAILING (90%); GUNSHOT WOUNDS (90%); ROBBERY (90%); EYEWITNESSES (89%); WITNESSES (89%); HOMICIDE (78%); LAW ENFORCEMENT (78%); DEATHS (78%); CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS (78%); ARRESTS (76%); INVESTIGATIONS (75%); WOUNDS & INJURIES (71%); POLICE FORCES (67%)

PUB-SUBJECT: WeekendArgus.News

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HEADLINE: COMIC KOOK Family-killing U.K. 'Wolverine' found dead

BYLINE: BY SASHA GOLDSTEIN NEW YORK DAILY NEWS

BODY:

A BRITISH "Wolverine" wannabe who slaughtered three family members before fleeing the scene has been found dead, cops said Monday.

Authorities found the body of Jed Allen, a 21-year-old obsessed with the hairy, clawed comic book character, in a wooded area in Oxford, some 13 miles north of the gruesome triple-murder scene in Didcot.

The family home in the tranquil Thames Valley was turned into a blood-spattered mess after the disturbed, knife-obsessed Allen went on a Saturday rampage, murdering his mother, Janet Jordon, 48; her boyfriend, Philip Howard, 44, and the couple's 6-year-old daughter, Derrin - his sister.

"Members of the public reported finding the body of a man in a wooded area in Oxford, in Marston Road," Detective Superintendent Chris Ward, of the Thames Valley **Police**, said at a news conference Monday evening, Sky News reported. "This is an area that had not been previously searched by **police** as a result of this investigation.

"No formal identification has taken place but I am satisfied that this is the body of Jed Allen, who I had previously named as a suspect in this investigation," Ward said. "The members of all of the victims' families have been informed, and they are being supported by specially trained **officers.**

"While the investigation into this matter will continue, I am not seeking anybody else in connection with the offense," he added. "I would like to offer my condolences to all of the families of the **victims** in this tragic case."

Armed police had been desperately seeking the tattooed weightlifter, who had posted a series of bizarre, rambling videos online before the triple homicide. He also left dozens of photos on his social media accounts, detailing a fascination with weapons and brooding comic book anti-heroes, primarily X-Men's Wolverine.

Allen, sporting the character's signature sideburns, posed in one selfie with serrated steak knives arranged between his fingers like claws.

"F--- it's wolverine," he wrote in the caption.

In other pics, he brandished an ax, bolt clippers and a 10-inch hunting knife.

It's unclear how the wanted killer died.

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GRAPHIC: Brit cops say they've found body of Jed Allen (l.), wanted in murders of his mom and sister (inset) and his mom's boyfriend. Candles lit by classmates of Derrin Jordan, 6, honor the tot murdered by her comic book-obsessed brother, Jed Allen. **Police** and forensic **officers** work at crime scene Monday near Didcot, England. LONDON NEWS PICTURES/ZUMA WIRE; AP

LANGUAGE: ENGLISH

PUBLICATION-TYPE: Newspaper

SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS (91%); MURDER (90%); **DEATHS** (89%); HOMICIDE (78%); SELFIES (68%); PRESS CONFERENCES (68%); WEIGHTLIFTING (65%); SOCIAL MEDIA (63%)

GEOGRAPHIC: OXFORD, ENGLAND (93%); LONDON, ENGLAND (78%) ENGLAND (93%); UNITED KINGDOM (91%)

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HEADLINE: Pretrial hearing set in carjacking case

BYLINE: Brad Kellar, The Herald Banner, Greenville, Texas

BODY:

May 11--A hearing is scheduled in state district court this week for a Caddo Mills woman facing multiple charges of armed robbery in connection with a reported July 2014 carjacking in Greenville.

A second defendant charged in the same incident reportedly committed suicide after being sought in connection with an unrelated murder case.

Amber Rae Melton has pleaded not guilty to three indictments for aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon.

A pretrial hearing is set Tuesday morning in the 354th District Court, with jury selection currently scheduled for June 1.

The indictments involve the alleged **victims** of an **armed** robbery reported in Greenville early on the morning of July 19, 2014.

Melton was alleged to have been acting alongside Thomas Isaac Medlin of Dallas in the theft of a pickup truck at gunpoint. Melton remains in custody at the Hunt County Jail.

Three individuals told **officers** with the Greenville **Police** Department they met Medlin and Melton at a local store and agreed to give them a ride across town in a 2005 Chevrolet pick-up. Upon arrival in the 4100 Block of Park Street, Medlin allegedly produced a handgun, ordered the three men to exit the vehicle and to leave the contents of their pockets in the truck. Medlin and Melton then allegedly left in the stolen truck.

Medlin pleaded guilty in September 2014 to a reduced charge of robbery and was released on probation.

But an arrest warrant on a charge of murder was later issued for Medlin, involving the Nov. 10, 2014 homicide of Eddie Cabellero Lopez in Greenville.

A Nov. 14, 2014 law enforcement manhunt near Wolfe City in connection with Lopez's **death** resulted in Medlin's **death**.

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HEADLINE: TWO Portland men were remanded in custody yesterday

BYLINE: ANDREW THOMSON

BODY:

TWO Portland men were remanded in custody yesterday after being charged with serious assault offences relating to a horrific home invasion.

Daniel Hollands, 27, of Finn Street, did not apply for bail, while Payton Reiri, 22, of Daniel Street, was refused bail in the Warrnambool Magistrates Court.

They were remanded in custody until a filing hearing on September 22.

Police alleged Mr Hollands, Mr Reiri and other armed men went to a Portland home in Waratah Crescent on Thursday last week and bashed and stabbed a drug dealer.

The victim suffered a severe laceration to his left cheek which exposed his teeth and required 27 stitches.

Other injuries included multiple fractures to his arms, legs, fingers, knee, feet and face. He is expected to remain in a Melbourne hospital for about 10 weeks.

A 16-year-old girl was also hit with a baseball bat, suffering a fracture to her back, and the incident happened while there was a nine-year-old boy in the home.

Detective Sergeant James Sullivan, of the **armed** crime squad, told the court the **victim** was a low-level drug dealer and Mr Hollands was his competition. He said the victim was told to stop trafficking drugs, threatened and told to leave Portland, which he did.

But he had recently returned and there was an \$18,000 bounty on his head for anyone who assaulted him.

Detective Sergeant Sullivan said the reason the girl was assaulted was because she had not told Mr Hollands and Mr Reiri the victim was back in town. He said the girl told **officers that police** had "signed her **death** warrant" if Mr Hollands and Mr Reiri were released from custody.

One of the offences the men have been charged with, intentionally causing serious injury in circumstances of gross violence, carries a minimum four-year jail sentence.

Detective Sergeant Sullivan said it was usual that the only question Mr Reiri asked of police was who had named him.

He said to call it a stabbing was to understate the action of Mr Hollands, with the victim's wound going from high on the cheekbone to the jaw.

"He has deliberately run the blade along his face," Detective Sergeant Sullivan said.

Detective Senior Constable Tim McKerracher said Mr Reiri was armed with a metal baseball bat and Mr Hollands with a knife. He said the men surrounded the home and then forced entry by kicking in the front and back door. When the victim tried to barricade himself in a bedroom, the men forced their way in and struck him more than 50 times.

He was dragged out of the bedroom, struck about 200 times and then stabbed the man to the face by Mr Hollands while he was held down by Mr Reiri.

Detective Senior Constable McKerracher said **police** were hopeful of identifying other co-accused and now that the two men had been arrested it was likely other witnesses would come forward.

Magistrate John Lesser refused bail, saying Mr Reiri was an unacceptable risk of interfering with witnesses and reoffending.

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HEADLINE: 42 Killed in Benue, Plateau Attacks

BYLINE: Peter Duru & Marie-Therese Nanlong

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BODY:

About 42 people were, yesterday, reportedly killed in Benue and Plateau States during separate attacks by unknown gunmen.

Twenty seven persons were said to have been killed in some communities in Barkin Ladi Local Government Area of Plateau State while 15 others were killed at the popular Kyado Market in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State, bringing the total number of those killed in the two neighbouring states to 42.

The victims in Plateau State were killed during a night attack despite the curfew imposed on the area.

In Benue, the **victims** were killed Wednesday afternoon when unknown **armed** men opened fire on traders at the market even as many, including children, also sustained varying degrees of injuries at the marker popularly known for its booming yam trade.

However, Barkin Ladi in Plateau was one of the seven local governments where curfew was imposed but night attacks had been going on daily for about three weeks now with many people mostly women and children being killed.

Chairman of the council, Emmanuel Loman, who confirmed the attack, yesterday, blamed the incident on some Fulani herdsmen who he said attacked both Ninji and Popp villages without provocation, killing 20 persons.

He said: "As I talk to you, I am at the mass burial of 27 people killed by the Fulani and their mercenaries. The act is being perpetrated by the Fulani who live in the communities and aided by their mercenaries. The attackers want to make Barkin Ladi another Sambisa forest at all cost."

He, therefore, called on security operatives to be proactive as the situation was getting out of hand.

Residents of the area and neighbouring Riyom Local Government Area had been also under severe attack in the last three days with many residents relocating to other areas for fear of being killed.

Also, in Makurdi, the Benue State capital, an eye witness told Vanguard that the gunmen, who were about six in number, stormed the ever busy market located close to Wukari, along the Benue-Taraba State border, at about 12:30pm at the peak of trading activities

"They stormed the market in a commando manner, when business activities were at peak at about 12:30pm, and suddenly opened fire on the traders and their customers, most of whom were trading in tubers of yam.

"There was pandemonium everywhere, people, including children, started scampering in different directions but unfortunately, about 13 persons were killed by the gunmen, while many also sustained injuries.

"After the sporadic shooting which lasted about 10 minutes, the gunmen retreated to the car they came in and drove off."

Contacted, Benue State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Assistant Superintendent, ASP, Austin Ezeani, confirmed the killings, saying the police recorded the death of three persons and five cases of injuries in the incident.

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anipur, June 5 -- In a devastating ambush this morning on a five-vehicle convoy of the 6-Dogra Regiment in the Moltuk area of Chandel district of Manipur, 110 km from Tengnoupal Police Station, close to the Indo-Myanmar border, at least 17 soldiers were reported killed and 16 others injured. The soldiers who had completed their posting at the remote Moltuk village were leaving with their bags and baggage, and probably with home in mind rather than a gunfight, putting themselves off guard and therefore made extremely vulnerable. The attackers probably also had intelligence of this vulnerable moment and timed the ambush accordingly. Claims are now beginning to come to newspaper offices, and so far they confirm suspicions that this could have been the handiwork of the newly formed, United Liberation Front of Western South East Asia, ULFWSEA, constituting of a number of insurgent groups from the Northeast, under the leadership of SS Khaplang, the chief of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland, NSCN, faction with which the Government of India had only recently called off its ceasefire.

Khaplang on the other hand still holds a ceasefire with the Myanmar government. Nearly all of the insurgent groups from not just Manipur but also the entire Northeast, now have their bases in Myanmar enjoying the safe sanctuary provided by Khaplang. The Government of India ended its truce with Khaplang faction of the NSCN thinking it to have been reduced to a spent force in India, and to pursue peace with the stronger rival NSCN faction led by Isak Swu and Thuingaleng Muivah with which it has been holding peace talks since 1997. Today's ambush could be Khaplang's message that he can still hit back within Indian territory in many different ways, apart from dramatically announcing the arrival of ULFSEA.

Today's deadly ambush changed the complexion of a public outrage building up over the killing of a woman, M Ruisoting Aimol, a 56 year old social activist belonging to a small tribe Aimol in the Chandel district, by troops of the 20 Assam Rifles posted at Bonyang village. According to the villagers, the soldiers, accompanied by an **officer**, came to the village in a white Maruti Gypsy with some masked men at 9.45pm on May 31 and searched out the woman. They then planted some incriminating items at her place before shooting and injuring her. Villagers thereafter brought her to a hospital in Imphal where she succumbed to her injury on June 2. The villagers further allege that the soldiers had also earlier come to the village at 11.35pm on June 27 and harassed the villagers. The news of this atrocity remained lost in the din of the hotly contested Autonomous District Council elections in the hill districts, polling for which was held on June 1. However after the dust of the electioneering settled, public attention shifted back to the case of the murdered woman. The Aimol tribe called a general strike, and several civil society bodies all over the state responded to the call. However, no sooner did the strike begin, it was called off following a truce brokered by the Manipur government between the aggrieved Aimol tribe and the Assam Rifles. In Manipur's absurd theatre today, even grief and mourning are open to bargain and negotiation. This is understandable, considering the climate of official impunity introduced by the **Armed** Forces Special Powers Act. **Victims** virtually have no guarantee at all that perpetrators will be punished, so

rather than lose everything, the intuition now is to bargain for some material compensation at least. In most cases the price demanded is a government job or cash.

Today's devastating ambush and the atrocious killing of the Aimol woman a few days earlier, illustrate the tragedy of a violent civil strife and the dilemma before the liberal State to come up with a liberal answer; a failure of the moral imagination. Often, in the AFSPA debate so sensitive in the Northeast region, the two kinds of violence are so falsely aligned on the "us versus them" binary, making them either the justification or else a case for condemning draconian measures of the State. The AFSPA debate thus gets reduced to the instrumental "you hit me first" rhetoric, or that of extraordinary situations deserving extraordinary measures. Lost in the process is the ethical question of whether the end always justifies the means. Placing the two kinds of violence on opposite poles is also false for one more thing. The objection to the AFSPA is not so much to the military meeting a military challenge to the State. It is more about making the atrocities committed under the AFSPA accountable to democratic law. This is what the Justice Jeevan Reddy Committee's recommendation on the AFSPA said in 2005; this is also what the Veerappa Moily Administrative Reform Committee 2005 recommended; this is what Santosh Hegde Commission on encounter deaths in Manipur 2013 also said. Let the AFSPA debate then not be swayed by the immediate and instead be thrashed out on the moral plane.

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Hunted to extinction in Britain in 1918, the white-tailed eagle is circling in our skies once more. We will soon have 100 breeding pairs, but not everyone is happy, writes Peter Ross

BYLINE: Peter Ross

BODY:

Maurice Henderson is a fiddler on Fetlar (population 69), a beautiful island in the Shetland archipelago 150 or so miles north of the Scottish mainland, and has spent his life bringing the old music and tales of his native land to a new global audience.

Yet he would not have existed at all had his great-gre

"It was my grand-uncle who told me I was descended from the eagle's bairn," the 40-year-old says. "It's a story handed down by folk on the isle for generations."

This is how it goes. One late summer's day in 1690 on the island of Unst, a white-tailed eagle - a bird with an 8ft wingspan also known as the sea eagle - swooped down to the fields where the Anderson family were gathering barley and picked up in its scimitar talons their infant daughter Mary, who had been lying sleeping in a woollen shawl.

The bird set off across the water to its eyrie on the neighbouring island of Fetlar, three miles south. Mary's father William and fellow crofters set off in pursuit, crossing the water in an old leaky boat, straining to see the black dot in the sky. Landing on Fetlar, they made for the cliffs and, arriving above the spot where the bird was known to nest, let down a rope 400ft above the water.

A local boy, Robert Nicolson, being light and used to climbing, volunteered to descend to the nest. There he found Mary asleep and unharmed, the thick shawl having protected her from hungry beaks. He gathered her to him, climbed

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back up the rope and handed her to her grateful father.

Some years later, Nicolson had business on Unst and took a notion to visit the Anderson croft to pay his respects to Mary. He found her grown into a pretty young woman. "It was love at first sight," says Maurice Henderson, "or, as they say, second sight." The two married and raised a family. Their descendants - the bairns of the eagle's bairn - still live on the islands and are proud of their ancestry.

The sea eagle has not been so fortunate in its genealogy. The last in the UK was killed in Shetland in 1918. The female bird had lived for years without a mate and was said to be an albino, the end of her line, a ghost even before she was shot dead.

This story illustrates the complex and often uneasy relationship between humans and sea eagles, a relationship that led to their dying out in Britain almost 100 years ago and to their reintroduction from Norway in the 1970s. As that grim centenary approaches, it is thought that the milestone of there being 100 breeding pairs is about to be reached. We killed them and then we brought them back to life.

"The sea eagle was brought to extinction through man's persecution, so it seemed only right that we should do something to bring it back," says the naturalist and author John Love. "Righting a wrong that had been done to it in the past."

Love, 68, was hired by the former Nature Conservancy Council in 1975 to manage the reintroduction programme. Over the next decade he made several journeys to Norway, where sea eagles are relatively abundant, to choose chicks in their nests and accompany them back - in RAF Nimrods - to Scotland.

The first bird, Loki, was released on the Hebridean island of Rum on September 26, 1975. Love remembers the moment vividly, its historic weight. "I got the same buzz every time I released one into the world," he says.

The sea eagle is Britain's biggest bird of prey. Its relationship with the people of these isles goes back to ancient times; they may even have been sacred to us. When the "Tomb of the Eagles", a Stone Age burial mound, was excavated in Orkney in 1976, it was found to contain talons and skulls of sea eagles, mingled with the bones of prehistoric humans.

Pictish symbol stones and the Book of Kells show the great hooked beak.

Anglo-Saxon poetry describes sea eagles feasting on the flesh of slain warriors. Gaelic poetry calls it "iolaire suil na greine" - the eagle of the sunlit eye. Those golden eyes, which now scan some of Scotland's wildest landscape, once looked down over the whole of the British Isles.

Farmers, gamekeepers and sportsmen hastened the demise of the sea eagle. Estate owners regarded them as vermin preying on valuable sheep and game birds, and offered bounties for eggs and severed heads. By 1800 there were none left in England (an attempt five years ago to reintroduce them in East Anglia failed in the face of local opposition).

The last bird in the UK, that albino in Shetland, was photographed a few years before its **death**. Blurred and grainy, it is the only picture taken of a true native British sea eagle and there is something guilt-inducing and wraithlike about it; a phantom accusing its killers.

Although initial reintroductions took place on Rum in 1975, 10 years passed before breeding succeeded and a chick hatched - the first "Gaelic-speaking sea eagle", as Love puts it, to be born in Scotland for decades. This happened on Mull, a large island south of Rum, to which the birds had spread. It was May 4, 1985, and on the 30th anniversary Dave Sexton, a Royal Society for the Protection of Birds officer who witnessed the hatching, leads the way down a rough track and points out the site of the nest where new birds are raising young. "This is where it all began," he says. "This wood should be a national monument."

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Sea eagles are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act, with a maximum penalty of six months imprisonment and/or fines of up to £5,000. The Mull birds have been targeted by egg thieves in the past; some nests are protected by security cameras and razor wire. There are 20 nests on Mull, the exact locations of which are kept hush-hush.

These are valuable birds from both an environmental and economic perspective. Mull is marketed as "Eagle Island" and it is estimated that the birds attract £5m of tourism a year. Even on a wet day the open deck of the Mull Charters boat is busy with visitors wowing at the sea eagles swooping down to take fish from Loch Buie.

"Is that not the most spectacular thing you've ever seen?" asks Martin Keivers, the boat's skipper. Perhaps, but "spectacular" is not the right word. "Awesome", in its true sense, is better. "Dreadful" would be better still. A sea eagle in silhouette, circling 100ft above, has a heavy, oppressive, almost hostile presence that brings to mind a bomber aircraft. You can all but hear the engine of the Junkers.

The trick is to balance the magnetic pull these birds exert on tourists with the need to keep them safe. An informal network of islanders observes the nests and reports any suspicious characters to the **police.** Mary van Heerden, known as "Eagle Mary", is 69 and moved to Mull from Zimbabwe 10 years ago, feeling forced out of the country amid growing security fears. She had been the **victim** of an **armed** robbery that left her traumatised.

She started running a B&B on Mull, but suffered periods of depression until one day in 2007 Sexton asked her to keep an eye on a pair of eagles about to nest. She has watched them ever since, enjoying the sound of the wind in their wings as they fly overhead.

"After two or three hours, I come back feeling all is right with the world," she says. "It has been a wonderful therapy. I pride myself that I've never taken antidepressants. I've never had counselling. These eagles are better."

Not everyone regards them so positively. Many farmers on Mull would happily see them die out once more. Sheep farming is an important part of the island's culture and economy; lamb is part of the sea eagle diet. Between those two facts lies anger and conflict.

"It's an escalating problem," says Lachlan MacLean, 55, the third generation of his family to farm on Mull. "It's having a huge impact."

MacLean farms 10,000 acres and keeps 2,500 ewes. It was on his land, in 1985, that the first sea eagle hatched. But he takes no pride in this. That beak poking free from the egg was, for him, the beginning of a disaster. He says there are now four nests on the farm, four on the periphery and a number of non-nesting juveniles. "We're surrounded." Putting a number on the livestock he loses to sea eagles is difficult, he admits, but says the losses are significant. A lamb sells for about £60 and females are worth more than that in subsidy. A new scheme offers financial support to farmers who have nests on their land.

But MacLean says he is still losing money and would like bird numbers to be somehow controlled, or for compensation to be paid by the Scottish government.

There is a feeling among farmers that these birds have been imposed on them and - although no sea eagle on Mull has been shot since reintroduction - a sense of envy of great-grandfathers who were not prevented by law from taking action.

There are thought to be about 50 or so sea eagles on Mull, although there are also populations across the Hebrides, down the west coast and on the other side of the country in Fife. It is likely that this month, or next, the 100th breeding pair will be confirmed. "That feels like an important milestone," says Sexton. And the future? "I would say that 250 pairs in Scotland over the next 20, 30 years is a reasonable target."

This will be music to the ears of conservationists and tourist businesses, but for MacLean it sounds a discordant note.

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"They were extinct for a reason," he says. "We were better off prior to the birds being here."

Back on Shetland, Henderson is walking along the cliffs, high above the hungry sea. We have been to the old ruined croft where the bird is said to have lifted the bairn and we are now on Fetlar, looking for the site of the nest. Henderson is a member of the folk group Fiddlers' Bid and keen on the folklore of these islands, but this is the first time he has made this pilgrimage, following the flight of the eagle. It is an auspicious moment.

The local press is reporting the arrival of sea eagles on Orkney, to the south, so it's only a matter of time before they are back on Shetland, the scene of their extinction becoming a cradle of their resurrection.

He stands near the edge, looking down on the crag where he believes the nest must have been. Strange to think if that boy long ago hadn't had the courage to climb down a rope and rescue a baby, their descendant would not now be taking pictures. That's if you believe the legend. Henderson does and is grateful. "I would have missed out on a lot of fiddle tunes," he laughs.

That sea eagle almost cost him his life. We have cost the eagles theirs. Now humans and birds must learn to live together. It is, as Sexton puts it, "an uneasy peace" at times, but one, surely, that is worth trying to keep.

Spectacular is not the right word. Dreadful is better. A sea eagle 100ft above has a heavy, almost hostile presence that brings to mind a bomber. You can all but hear the engine of the Junkers

GRAPHIC: The sea eagle population is concentrated on Mull but can also be seen in Fife and further north. Below, eaglets in their nest

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