## **Cleveland demonstrations**

## hours of citywide protests largely peace

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No major incidents occurred and police made no arrests Saturday during 10 hours of protesting over the fatal shooting of 12-year-old Tamir Rice.

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The first happened between protesters and a driver at West 130th Street and Lorain Avenue. About 5 p.m., police blocked access to the Shoreway on East Ninth Street. And officers

"No incidents, just people blocking traffic," Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams said during the final protest.
Williams attended most of the

Dozens of protesters demon-rated on Saturday, including otests on Saturday and spoke ne-on-one with angry protest-

strated on Saturday, including about 40 from Ferguson.

They arrived late Friday at a Middleburg Heights Motel 6, where an off-duty motel manager slapped four protesters, according to Middleburg Heights Police Chief John Maddox.

Maddox said the protesters were doing nothing wrong and not protesting at the time.

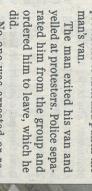
Saturday's protests began about 10:30 a.m. at Cudell Recreation Center, where Cleveland Patrolman Timothy Loehmann fatally shot Tamir on Nov. 22 while investigating a complaint of someone with a gun. manager was charged ur counts of assault, Mad-

in turned out to be an in, and the shooting has The group that topped out at about 250 people then walked to West 130th and Lorain. A man driving a van rolled through a Protesters then migrated to Cleveland police's 1st District headquarters, where some stormed into the building and shouted chants while standing on chairs and tables.

since sparked about a month of line of protesters, causing some protesters to kick and punch the

Saturday at Cudell Recreation
Center, members of Tamir's family spoke to the crowd. Tamir's
brother, 16-year-old Tavon Rice,
told the crowd that kids should
discard fake guns.
"If you have BB guns, throw
them away," he said. "They're not
safe anymore."

ported being injured in the incident, officials at the scene said. The group of protesters then went to the Steelyard Commons Walmart, where they blocked the entrances and prompted the store to close for several hours. Williams was surrounded out-





A protester holds a sign outside Tower City, one of several places across the city where people gathered to protest. Police and security closed Tower City, and no one was allowed in or out until the protesters left.

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protester that "you have every right to be doing what you're doing, as long as you're doing it peacefully."

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No one was allowed in or out of the building until the protesters left.

The group walked to Playhouse Square, where traffic was blocked.

They then went to East Ninth Street, near the entrance ramps to the Shoreway.

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About two-dozen Cleveland police officers and some 15 cruisers blocked protesters from going onto the highway. Protesters, after shouting at police officers for several minutes, eventually left and went to the nearby

Justice Center.

During the final protest of the day — in the neighborhood around East 40th Street and Community College Parkway — about 17 police officers and 10 police cruisers blocked the road that led to the mayor's home.

The 50 protesters that remained during the final protest never crossed the police-car barricade and eventually ended the protest about 8:30 p.m.

More demonstrations are scheduled for today. The group said they plan to meet in Public Square about 3 p.m. and protest outside Quicken Loans Arena before the Cavaliers host the Memfalls.

Northeast Ohio Media Group reporter Eric Heisig contributed to this report.