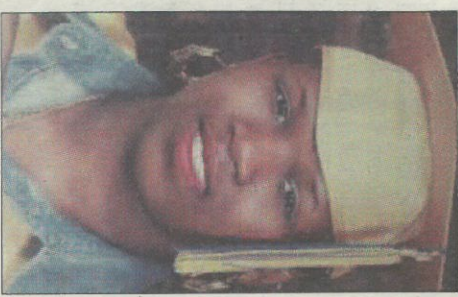




Family believes lack of police training possible cause of Tanisha Anderson's death

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have to learn more about and understand in case of an emergency. Police were called to Tanisha Anderson's family home on the 1300 block of Ansel Road about 10:50 p.m. on November 12, upon the family's request for assistance with Tanisha.

After long talks with Anderson and her family, officers were given permission to take the East High School graduate to St. Vincent Charity Medical Center for an evaluation, said police spokesman Sgt. Ali Pillow in a press release.

Anderson, who suffered from schizophrenia, died about two hours after she lost consciousness while in police custody outside her family's home. This upset the family. Police say Anderson struggled with officers who

handcuffed her then kicked at them. She then appeared to go limp. Officers called an ambulance, the police said. An emergency medical crew drove Anderson to Cleveland Clinic, where she was pronounced dead about 12:30 a.m.

Anderson's family agrees with the police's story and said she became nervous about being confined in a small space. Michael Anderson, her uncle, said his niece was praying in the moments leading up to her collapse. She said the "Lord's Prayer" as she passed away," he said.

A mental illness is a medical condition that disrupts a person's thinking, feeling, mood, ability to relate to others and daily functioning. Just as diabetes is a disorder of the pancreas, mental illnesses are medical conditions that often result in a diminished capacity for coping with the ordinary demands of life per the National Alliance of Mental Illness.



Samaria Rice, center, the mother of Tamir Rice, the 12-year-old boy who was fatally shot by a police officer in Cleveland, Ohio and others, march on Pennsylvania Avenue toward Capitol Hill in Washington during the Justice for All rally. (Photo: Associated Press)

Families of slain youth march in D.C.

Demonstrators nationwide, protesting the fatal shootings of unarmed Black men killed by police, chanted, "I can't breathe!" and "Hands up, don't shoot!" while waving signs that read "Black lives matter!" as family members of three victims packed a stage in front of the U.S. Capitol, urging thousands of supportive marchers to keep pressing for changes to the criminal justice system.

The march in Washington this past Saturday — attended by family members for Michael Brown and Eric Garner, who were killed by police in recent months, and Amadou Diallo, who was fatally shot by police more than 15 years ago —

coincided with nationwide demonstrations that spanned from iconic Fifth Avenue in New York to the streets of San Francisco and the steps of the Boston Statehouse. Most were peaceful protests, although about two dozen people were arrested in the Massachusetts capital for disorderly conduct.

"My husband was a quiet man, but he's making a lot of noise right now," said Washington protest marcher Essaw Garner, widow of Eric Garner, 43, who died in July after being put in a chokehold by New York City police during an arrest for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

"His voice will be heard. I have five children in this world and we are fighting not just for him but for everybody's future, for everybody's past, for everybody's present, and we need to make it strong."

Nationally, chanting demonstrators also staged "die-ins" as they lay down across intersections and in one city briefly scuffled with police blocking an onramp to a highway.

New York City police said two officers were assaulted by protesters on the Brooklyn Bridge when they tried to arrest a man who was attempting to toss a garbage can onto police officers below. Some marchers then blocked traffic on the bridge for about an hour. Police said the officers were treated for bumps and bruises, including a broken nose. Police say there have been no arrests in that incident, but a backpack full of hammers and a mask was found.

Organizers had predicted 5,000 people at the Washington march, but the crowd appeared to far outnumber that quote. They later said they believed as many as 25,000 showed up. It was not possible to verify the numbers, Washington police do not release crowd estimates.

Garner's mother, Gwen Carr, called the demonstrations a "history-making moment."

"It's just so overwhelming to see all who have come to stand with us (SEE YOUTH/6C)