

## **STOLEN LIVES—2000-April 13, 2015**

### **Joseph Jeremy Weber, 28, Sunnyvale, Calif.---April 8, 2015**

The shooting happened after officers responded to reports that a knife-wielding man in his 20s, wearing all black, stole cigarettes and brandished a knife at a clerk at Grewalz Liquor & Groceries at 1125 Tasman Drive, near the Lawrence Expressway, at about 11:10 a.m. Officers found the suspect nearby and determined he was still carrying the knife, said Deputy Police Chief Dave Pitts. "Take your hand out of your pocket!" an officer told the man while simultaneously keying his police radio mike. "He's refusing to comply, he has the knife. He's about 50 feet away, he's standing still," the officer reported. Moments later, another officer reported, "Shots fired, suspect is down!" The knife was recovered near the suspect's hand, police reported. The names of the dead man and the officer who killed him were not immediately released. The shooting is under investigation by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety and the Santa Clara County district attorney's office. Hours after the incident, the parking lot around the strip mall where the liquor store is located remained cordoned off with police tape. A handwritten sign reading, "Sorry, closed for little bit," was taped to the store's door. Evidence markers were scattered on the ground in an alley behind the businesses. Investigators took measurements around a teal sedan that straddled three parking spaces, though it was unclear whether the vehicle was connected to the case.

### **Michael Earl Lemon, 57, Lake Isabella, Calif.---April 8, 2015**

Kern County Sheriff's Office is investigating an in-custody death that happened near Lake Isabella. Deputies say a man in his mid-50' died. His name has not been released. According to deputies, they responded to a disturbance about 6:30 Wednesday morning at the Lake Isabella Mobile Home and RV Resort. Two deputies approached the man and attempted to arrest him. They say the man fought with the deputies, but they were able to subdue him with less-than-lethal force and place him in handcuffs. Deputies say an ambulance at the scene treated the man who began complaining of trouble breathing. The ambulance took the man to the hospital where he was pronounced dead. The investigation into the death is continuing.

### **Erick Rose, 32, Pottawatomie County, Ok.--- April 7, 2015**

A high-speed pursuit in Pottawatomie County ended with an officer-involved shooting.

According to the Pottawatomie County Sheriff's office, deputies were involved in a pursuit when the suspect crashed out near Post Office Neck Rd. and Highway 102.

Deputies say the suspect, now identified as 32-year-old Erick Rose, refused to get out of his vehicle when he was shot. Just after 2:30 p.m. deputies confirmed that Rose had died. Bethel Public Schools were put on lockdown briefly while police worked the scene.

### **Ken Cockerel, 51, Phoenix, Ar.---April 5, 2015**

Police say a man is dead following an officer-involved shooting in North Phoenix Sunday night. The incident occurred near 39th Avenue and Union Hills Drive. Phoenix Police Sgt. Vince Lewis said the department began getting 911 calls around 6:30 p.m. of a man in the street stabbing himself. Lewis said four officers responded and when the man reportedly lunged toward the officers, two of them felt threatened and fired their weapons, striking the man. The man died at the scene. So far the subject has only been identified as an adult male. Lewis said detectives would be on scene most of the night for the investigation.

### **Justus Howell, 17, Zion, Ill---April 5, 2015**

Investigators are collecting evidence after witnesses say Justus Howell, 17, from north suburban Waukegan, was running from police when an officer spotted what he thought was a gun. The officer fired two shots, reportedly hitting the victim in the back around 2 p.m. The teen was pronounced dead at Victory Hospital. Police say a handgun was recovered at the scene of the shooting. Investigators have not identified the officer who fired the shots or any other details from the investigation, including whether Howard fired any shots. Word of the shooting traveled quickly in the small community and many residents side with Howell. They say they believe police had no reason to shoot.

### **Walter L. Scott, 50, North Charleston, South Carolina---April 4, 2015**

A Coast Guard veteran and father of four, died Saturday after Patrolman 1st Class Michael T. Slager, 33, shot him in the back. Five of the eight bullets hit Scott, his family's attorney said. Four of those struck his back. One hit an ear. Slager said earlier in the statement from his attorney at the time that his encounter with Scott had started around 9:30 a.m. Saturday as a routine traffic stop. His department said he pulled over Scott's Mercedes-Benz sedan because it had a broken brake light. But at some point, Scott ran away with Slager in pursuit on foot. Scott's passenger stayed with the Mercedes. During the foot chase over a dirt-surfaced road near a small park, Scott confronted Slager, according to the lawyer's statement. Slager got out his Taser to subdue the man, but Scott took the device during a struggle, the statement said. That's when the officer fired at Scott several times because he "felt threatened," it added. The bystander's cellphone camera continued to roll as Slager stands over Scott and another officer puts on gloves. The footage filmed by a bystander from a source who asked to remain anonymous, shows the end of the confrontation between the two on Saturday after Scott ran from a traffic stop. It was the first piece of evidence contradicting an account Slager gave earlier this week through his attorney. The U.S. Department of Justice said in a statement that FBI investigators would work with the State Law Enforcement Division, which typically investigates officer-involved shootings in South Carolina, and the state's attorney general to examine any civil rights violations in Scott's death. Slager has said through his attorney that Scott had wrested his Taser from him during a struggle. The video appears to show Scott slapping at the officer's hands as several objects fall to the ground. It's not clear what the objects are. Scott starts running away. Wires from Slager's Taser stretch from Scott's clothing to the officer's hands. With Scott more than 10 feet from Slager, the officer draws his pistol and fires seven times in rapid succession. After a brief pause, the officer fires one last time. Scott's back bows, and he falls face first to the ground near a tree. After the gunfire, Slager glances at the person taking the video, then talks into his radio. The cameraman curses, and Slager yells at Scott as sirens wail. "Put your hands behind your back," the officer shouts before he handcuffs Scott as another lawman runs to Scott's side. Scott died there. The footage comes amid a discussion about race and policing in the U.S. fueled by the fatal shooting in August of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Mo.

### **Donald "Dontay" Ivy, 39, Albany, N.Y.---April 2, 2105**

The family described him as a paranoid schizophrenic they said suffered from heart problems. His relatives waited for answers later in the day about the death of a man they said was quiet and introverted as they gathered outside their residence, several blocks from where the incident unfolded. Police leaders have not said why the officers confronted Ivy or how many times he was struck with a Taser. Ivy was pronounced dead at Albany Medical Center Hospital after he arrived in an ambulance that next morning. An autopsy was conducted but he declined to discuss the findings, saying the medical examiner still has work to do. The results of a toxicology test that may show whether there were any drugs or alcohol in Ivy's system could takes weeks to process. No weapons were found on Ivy, Cox said, and the department is examining what led up to the officers approaching Ivy. The three officers were placed on administrative leave while the internal review unfolds.

### **Robert Rooker, 26, Latham, Ohio---March 29, 2015**

Pike County prosecutors report three deputies were chasing after a man who repeatedly rammed his vehicle into theirs, later shooting and killing him. Witnesses in the area said they reported hearing multiple gunshots. A video emerged that revealed he had lost control of his truck on the gravel road. He never rammed the officers at all. He was just trying to get home because he was scared. The officers rammed him many times pushing him into the creek. Then got out and was on foot and officers began shooting him. 17 to 20 shots were fired. A witness said the officers had no reason to kill him.

### **Brandon Jones, 18, Cleveland, Ohio--- March 19, 2015**

Police were called to the store for a report of a break-in. Police at first said the shooting happened about 15 minutes after officers entered the store, but in a release sent out the next day, police said Jones walked out of the closed store

carrying a bag and a struggle ensued as officers tried to arrest him. During the struggle, an officer fired his gun once, hitting Jones. Officers called paramedics, who rushed him to Metro Health Medical Center. Jones died the next morning, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's Office spokesman Chris Harris confirmed. Cleveland police spokesman Sgt. Ali Pillow said no weapon was recovered at the scene. While speaking to media at the scene early that morning, Chief Williams would not confirm whether an officer opened fire. The officers involved in the shooting have been placed on three-day administrative leave. The department's Use of Deadly Force Investigation Team and a Cuyahoga County Assistant Prosecutor responded to the scene.

**Tony Terrell Robinson Jr, 19, Madison, Wis.---March 6, 2015**

Officer Matt Kenny responded to reports that a man was yelling and jumping in front of cars, and had assaulted one person and tried to strangle another inside a nearby apartment. Kenny followed the man to the apartment and was allegedly attacked there by him, according to Madison Chief of Police Mike Koval. During the confrontation, Kenny drew his weapon and shot the suspect, later saying that he fired in self-defense. He performed CPR on the suspect, who was taken to a hospital but later died. He was later identified as 19-year-old Tony Robinson, a graduate from [Sun Prairie High School](#), who had taken the psychedelic drug [magic mushroom](#) hours before the shooting.

**Desmond Luster, 45, Dallas, TX.---February 9, 2015**

An off-duty officer who shot the man was investigating a report of shots fired and had just taken someone into custody when a black Dodge pickup drove toward him. The police report stated, "The officer perceived the speed and direction of travel of the vehicle as a threat to himself and to his detainee, so he discharged his weapon, striking the driver," The driver was taken to Baylor University Medical Center and pronounced dead. Witnesses told police the driver had might had fired a weapon, but police have yet to confirm whether he was armed. The officer who shot the man did not provide investigators with a walk-through of the evidence. By department policy, police involved in shootings don't have to provide a statement for three administrative days. And no gun was found in this incident by the deceased.

**David A. Kassick, 59, Hummelstown, PA---February, 2, 2015**

David suffered a fatal gunshot wound after multiple shots were fired in what police called an "altercation" A 14-year female veteran officer of the Hummelstown police department, has been charged in connection with the man's death. Police said the officer pursued Kassick to a home in the in the township after he failed to pull over during a traffic stop in Hummelstown, police said. Kassick was shot with more than one bullet, but the coroner did not say how many bullets struck the man. She was placed on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation and returned to administrative duty after three weeks. The Dauphin County District Attorney's Office and state police are scheduled to address the results of the investigation into the shooting.

**Kristiana Coignard, 17, Longview, TX---January 28, 2015**

A teenager was fatally shot in an east Texas police station lobby when she lunged at an officer with a butcher knife and a Taser failed to stop her, police said. The shooting has garnered attention amid increased scrutiny surrounding law enforcement's use of deadly force. Officials previously had not disclosed what type of weapon Coignard had and had refused to release the video, raising questions about what exactly happened and why police didn't use other means to subdue Coignard. The video shows Derr struggling with the girl and trying to subdue her. At one point the officer throws her to the ground. She is lying on the floor and Derr is kneeling, holding her down, when the officer suddenly gets up and steps back. Brian said Derr broke away when he saw Coignard reaching for a butcher knife in her waistband. Officer Gene Duffie then arrives, followed by Officer Grace Bagley. Coignard is then seen charging at Derr. Brian said Duffie fired his Taser, then Derr and Bagley quickly followed with gunshots. Dingler said the officers were justified in shooting the girl.

**Jessica Hernandez, 17, Denver, Colorado---January 26, 2015**

The death of an unarmed 17-year-old Colorado girl who was shot by police was ruled a homicide, according to a medical examiner's report released Friday showing that she suffered four gunshot wounds. The autopsy performed by Denver Chief Medical Examiner James Caruso shows Hernandez was shot two times in the left side of her torso. Two more gunshot wounds in Hernandez's pelvis and right thigh may have resulted from the same bullet, according to the autopsy. The bullets fatally wounded Hernandez's heart and both lungs. She also had marijuana and a small amount of alcohol in her system, the report found. The Hernandez family is calling for an independent federal investigation into

the teen's death because they have "no confidence" that police or the district attorney will conduct "any sort of fair or meaningful investigation,"

**Christina Prestianni, 37, Nutley, New Jersey---January 15, 2015**

Authorities said they believe she was fatally shot by her live-in boyfriend, and then himself in an apparent murder-suicide. The investigation into the deaths is ongoing, and pending autopsy results, authorities said. The police chief also confirmed Friday that the boyfriend was a 7-year veteran New Jersey state corrections officer. Authorities said the couple lived together, but did not have any children together. The investigation into the deaths is ongoing, and pending autopsy results.

**Louis F. Becker, 87, Freehold, NY---January 14, 2015**

After the pickup he was driving collided with a state police SUV, according to troopers at the Catskill barracks, he was pronounced dead at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Hudson from injuries he suffered in the accident, which happened about 9:15 a.m. Police said the SUV was westbound on state Route 23 and Becker was driving a 2004 Ford Ranger pickup south on Cairo Junction Road. The pickup "entered the roadway (Route 32) into the path of Trooper Walsh," and the two vehicles collided. A passenger in the pickup, whose name was not provided, was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. They said Walsh also was taken to the hospital, where he was treated and released. Police said the accident remained under investigation. No further details as of yet.

**Brian Pickett, 26, Los Angeles, Calif.---January 7, 2015**

Deputies went to a home and approached Pickett. Pickett's mother told deputies that he was refusing to leave, sheriff's officials said, to report that her son was under the influence and that he had threatened her life. Authorities said Pickett become "agitated and hostile" when he saw deputies and charged at them. A deputy used his Taser to subdue Pickett, who was then handcuffed. Paramedics arrived at the scene to remove the Taser darts from the man's body and he stopped breathing, where he was pronounced dead, according to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

**John Paul Quintero, 23, Wichita, Kansas---January 3, 2015**

Four calls were made to 911 Saturday evening, from three different family members. The 911 calls from the suspect's father show he thought his son was dangerous. Two officers arrived and found John Paul Quintero, 23, and his 44-year-old father inside a sport utility vehicle parked outside and ordered them to get out. Police said Quintero refused to follow orders to show his hands. Police said one officer used a stun gun, but it had no effect on Quintero. Police said that when Quintero reached toward his waistband, the second officer shot Quintero twice in his midsection. Quintero was taken to Wesley Medical Center. He was pronounced dead the next day. He was unarmed.

**Rumain Brisbon, 34, Phoenix, Ariz.—Dec. 2, 2014**

Brisbon, an unarmed black father of four, was shot to death in when a police officer apparently mistook his bottle of pills for a gun. Investigation Pending.

**Tamir Rice, 12, Cleveland, Ohio—Nov. 22, 2014**

Officer Tim Loehmann shot and killed Rice, who was holding a BB gun, seconds after spotting him at a park. The shooting outside a Cleveland recreation center is under investigation, and Tamir's family has filed a wrongful death

lawsuit against two officers and the city over his death. The homicide finding indicates that Tamir was killed by the police officer, rather than dying accidentally or by natural causes or by suicide. Medical examiners' homicide findings make no comment on whether the killing constitutes a crime.

**Akai Gurley, 28, Brooklyn, NY—Nov. 20, 2014**

Gurley was shot in a dark stairwell of an East New York housing project building by Officer Peter Liang. Gurley was unarmed. District Attorney Ken Thompson announced that he is investigating.

**Tanisha Anderson, 37, Cleveland, Ohio---Nov. 13, 2014**

Anderson, a schizophrenic and bipolar women, died after police slammed her onto the pavement outside her family's home. Officers had approached Anderson after a caller reported her for "disturbing the peace." Police claim that they planned to take her to the hospital for a psychiatric evaluation, and that she went limp in an officer's arms. The family contend that she was slammed to the ground.

**Maria Godinez, 22, Orlando, FL---August 19, 2014**

A police shooting in Orlando, Florida, claimed the life of a 22-year old college student, Maria Godinez, when police confronted a man said to be brandishing a gun at a bar in the city. But though Godinez was an innocent bar patron who was struck with an errant police bullet, police hit the alleged gun-wielding man with first-degree murder charges — even though he never fired a shot. There is also some question as to whether Kody Roach, 23, was in possession of a gun when the police officer opened fire on him with nine shots. At least five of those bullets hit Roach, who was later hospitalized in critical condition. One of the shots ricocheted and struck a fellow officers in the leg. But another bullet went astray and hit Godinez, who was inside the bar enjoying a night out with friends, in the shoulder. Police charged Roach, who was still in the hospital, with first degree murder in the death of Maria Godinez, saying that he initiated the confrontation that led to her accidental killing. According to a news report, surveillance video from the bar shows Roach dropping his gun after being ejected from the bar. The news report did not say whether the bar video showed Roach picking the gun up again. When two police officers arrived on the scene, they found Roach attempting to open the locked door of the bar, trying to get back inside. According to a police report, Roach then pulled up his shirt with his left hand while reaching for his waistband with his right. However, Roach never fired a shot if indeed he still had a gun on him at all. The two officers immediately opened fire on Roach, felling him. The police report says that Roach then crumpled to the ground, and at the same time, a .40 caliber Ruger pistol fell from his grip. He never fired the weapon during the incident. Roach was initially charged only with carrying a concealed weapon but shortly after, he was hit with armed burglary and armed trespassing charges. Under the law, a person can be charged with first-degree murder if they cause a death in the process of committing a felony, though that law is not often used to hold a suspect responsible for a police shooting.

**Kajieme Powell, 25, St. Louis, Mo.—August 19, 2014**

Powell was shot by police who responded to a 911 call accusing him of stealing some energy drinks and pastries. Powell's family has filed a wrongful death suit against the St. Louis police chief and arresting officers.

**Michelle Cusseaux, 50, Phoenix, Ariz.---August 13, 2014**

Cusseaux, who was schizophrenic, bipolar, and had depression, was showing signs of threatening behavior. Her elderly mother called Health Services to transport her to an inpatient facility. But when officers came to take her away, the incident escalated. Cusseaux threatened them with a hammer, and was shot in her home when she wouldn't put it down. Later Garrett said, "They knew (who) they were going to work with — a person with a mental illness. You don't come with guns drawn, guns at her door. I'm sure it frightened her."

**Ezell Ford, 25, Los Angeles, Calif.—August 12, 2014**

Ford was shot by police who were conducting "an investigative stop." Ford's family members say he was lying down when shot. The LAPD, which hasn't closed the investigation into Ford's death, put an indefinite "investigative hold" on the coroner's autopsy report to prevent witness testimony from being tainted.

**Dante Parker, 36, San Bernardino County, Calif.—August 12, 2014**

Police responded to a call about an attempted break-in. The suspect fled on a bicycle. Police found Parker nearby riding his bike. He was unarmed. He resisted arrest and a struggle ensued. Police tasered him and he died. The NAACP has called for a federal investigation.

**Michael Brown, 18, Ferguson, Mo.—August 9, 2014**

Shot by Officer Darren Wilson after an altercation that happened inside Wilson's car. Wilson reported that Brown "looked like a demon." Wilson was not indicted by a grand jury. He resigned from the Ferguson police force.

**John Crawford III, 22, Beavercreek, Ohio—August 5, 2014**

Crawford was fatally shot while carrying a pellet gun in a Wal-Mart. The gun was unsold merchandise and out of its package. A man called told 911 that he looked like he was pointing it at people, but a month later he admitted that Crawford was not pointing the gun at people. There was no indictment.

**Tyree Woodson, 38, Baltimore, Md.—August 2, 2014**

Police say Woodson's fatal gunshot wound was self-inflicted. That would mean that he smuggled his gun into a police station after police brought him there for having several open warrants. Case still pending.

**Eric Garner, 43, New York, N.Y.—July 17, 2014**

Police alleged they saw Garner selling illegal untaxed cigarettes, but witnesses at the scene said he was stopped because he broke up a fight. After an argument, Officer Daniel Pantaleo placed Garner in a chokehold. Garner died of neck compression from the chokehold along with "the compression of his chest and prone positioning during physical restraint by police." The New York City medical examiner ruled Garner's death a homicide. Pantaleo was not indicted.

**David Latham, 32, Norfolk, Va.---July 6, 2014**

Around 11 p.m., emergency dispatchers received a 911 call about a domestic situation in the 400 block of West 30th Street, according to Officer Daniel Hudson with the Norfolk Police Department. The caller mentioned a person with a knife. When police arrived at the scene, an officer encountered Latham, who allegedly threatened the officer with a knife. The officer discharged his firearm and hit Latham, Hudson said. Latham was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital where he was pronounced deceased. Family members said Latham answered the door when police arrived. They said Latham wouldn't drop the knife, however, he did not threaten the officer. Latham was shot at least three times while in the doorway, according to the family. They also said he was shot once when he was on the ground.

**Dontre Hamilton, 31, Milwaukee, Wis.---April 30, 2014**

Workers at the nearby Starbucks called police to complain about him sleeping in the downtown park. A pair of officers checked on Hamilton twice and found he was doing nothing wrong. A confrontation ensued after Manney tried to pat down Hamilton, who resisted. The officer instigated a fight with Dontre before firing 14 shots into the unarmed man's body. Activists have compared the shooting with the slaying of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. Hamilton was sleeping in a downtown park when Manney responded to a call for a welfare check and began a pat down. The officer said Hamilton resisted and the two exchanged punches and strikes before Hamilton hit the officer on the neck with his baton. He then shot Hamilton. Half the bullets that hit Dontre Hamilton traveled in a downward direction and one hit him in the back, according to a portion of the autopsy released by his family. In addition, a toxicology test showed that Hamilton had no drugs in his system, the report says.

**Victor White III, 22, Iberia Parish, La.—March 22, 2014**

The coroner says he shot himself while handcuffed in the back of a police cruiser. The autopsy report claims, White's injuries "are possible to be self-inflicted even with the hands handcuffed behind the back." "Short of him being Houdini or David Copperfield, it's not possible," said White's family's attorney. Case Pending. District Attorney Phil Haney of the 16th Judicial Circuit, who said he will let a federal investigation run its course before making a decision.

**Yvette Smith, 47, Bastrop, Texas—February 16, 2014**

Officers responding to a domestic disturbance call shot after she opened her front door to them. Initially, police claimed that Smith had a firearm, but the sheriff's office retracted this the next day. Deputy Daniel Willis, who shot Smith, was indicted on a murder charge. Her family is asking for \$5 million in a wrongful death suit.

**Luis Rodriguez, 44, Oklahoma City, Ok.---February 15, 2014**

He and his wife had gone to the movies on Feb. 14 with their teenage daughter. The girl and her mother got into a heated argument, and Nair Rodriguez slapped her daughter. Police then approached the family in the parking lot. When officers asked him for identification, he refused and took "an aggressive stance," police said. That's when the officers attempted to handcuff and detain him. At one point, he can be heard in a video of the incident, saying, "I can't breathe." He was an electrician and church volunteer with no criminal record. He was taken by ambulance to Moore Medical Center, where he died. Although an autopsy conducted by the Oklahoma State Medical Examiner's Office concluded that the victim died from "cardiac arrhythmia due to physical constraint," a private autopsy concluded that he died of asphyxia as a result of a maneuver that restricted his breathing. The daughter recorded the incident.

**McKenzie Cochran, 25, Southfield, Mich.—January 28, 2014**

Cochran died of "position compression asphyxia" during struggle with mall security. Cochran told them, "I can't breathe." His death ruled an accident by medical examiner. Aftermath: No indictments for the security guards.

**Jordan Baker, 26, Houston, Texas—January 16, 2014**

An off-duty police officer thought Baker fit the description of robbery suspects—both they and he were wearing black hooded sweatshirts. A scuffle and foot chase ensued. Baker, who was unarmed, was fatally shot. Aftermath: Officer J. Castro, who killed Baker, was placed on administrative leave pending an investigation. Baker's mother was said to be considering filing a lawsuit.

**Jeffrey Ragland, 50, Queens, NY.---January 10, 2014**

A love triangle involving three city correction officers ended Friday with one of them dead on a Queens street corner. Jeffrey was fatally shot by a younger rival after he allegedly slugged the woman both men had coveted, police said. Following the bloodshed in Queens Village, Oniel Linton, 36, and his girlfriend, Salees Sales, 33, were being questioned by detectives. No charges had been filed. Linton claimed he fired his gun because he thought Ragland was reaching for a piece to draw on him, sources said. It remained unclear whether Ragland, who had recently retired from the Department of Correction, was armed. Linton and Sales became correction officers on the same day in 2004.

**Rocendo Arias, 23, Yakima, Wash.---January 5, 2014**

Yakima Police Officer Casey Gillette observed a "suspicious" vehicle parked outside a local 24-hour car wash while on a 3 a.m. routine patrol. After reportedly surveying the situation for one hour, Gillette decided to approach the vehicle, occupied by 23-year-old Rocendo Arias. Instead of knocking on Rocendo's window to further investigate the situation, Light admits the officer swung the passenger side door open without informing the driver. After noticing the disassembled gun, Gillette fired four shots, striking Rocendo once in the head. "It appeared that he had some accessories to the handgun that he was trying to install on it or put pieces of this gun together," Capt. Light said. The airsoft gun,

which shoots plastic pellets, reportedly had a bright orange plastic tip as well, used to clearly identify the item as a toy. Despite the toy being partially disassembled, Light appeared to defend the officer's actions, claiming that Rocendo had his hand on the section containing the trigger. "The deceased had the weapon not only in his hand, but he also had his finger on the trigger," Light said.

**Patrick L. Jones, 47, Columbus, Ohio---January 3, 2014**

Aaron and Ashley Petrosino were hosting a handful of neighbors Friday evening to watch Ohio State play Clemson in the Orange Bowl when their normally quiet west side street erupted in lights and sirens. They said no one heard the gunfire as Columbus police officer shot and killed Patrick L. Jones, a developmentally disabled man who confronted police with a knife when they responded to a call for help about 9:20 p.m. Jones lived directly across from the Petrosinos, in a home owned by the Association for the Developmentally Disabled, which provided around-the-clock care to Jones and two other developmentally disabled men who shared the home. One of two caseworkers at the house on Friday called police to say she had locked herself in a bathroom after Jones threatened her. Hartley said the association works in conjunction with the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide a care plan for each individual, including finding good matches for group-living situations. Hartley said the three men who lived on Siskin Avenue had lived together "for some time" and "my understanding is that this was a good relationship." Police, however, had been called to the house at least twice in the past three months, according to Jed Morrison, supervisor of the Developmental Disabilities Board. In October, Jones got into an altercation with one of his roommates, prompting a call to police. In November, police were called again to help find Jones, who had strayed from the group.

**Andy Lopez, 13, Santa Rosa, Calif.—October 22, 2013**

Lopez was carrying a pellet gun that resembled an AK-47 assault rifle. After officers reportedly told Lopez to drop the gun, he turned toward them and they shot him. Aftermath: No indictment.

**Miriam Carey, 34, Washington, D.C.—October 3, 2013**

While attempting to make a U-turn at a White House checkpoint, Carey allegedly hit a barricade and a Secret Service officer in front of the White House. After a high-speed chase, police surrounded her, weapons drawn. She was shot five times in the chase and died at the scene. She was unarmed. Her daughter was in the car with her and was unharmed. The U.S. Attorney's Office declined to press charges.

**Jonathan Ferrell, 24, Bradfield Farms, N.C.—September 14, 2013**

Ferrell crashed his car and knocked on the door of a nearby house. The woman inside called the police. Police said that when Ferrell was apprehended, they shot him. Ten times. The officer has been indicted on a charge of voluntary manslaughter. It took two grand juries to get there.

**Carlos Alcis, 43, New York, N.Y.—August 15, 2013**

Alcis died of a heart attack after the police mistakenly raided his home in search of a cell phone thief. Aftermath: Alcis's family has filed a wrongful death suit against the city and the NYPD for \$10 million.

**Larry Eugene Jackson, Jr., 32, Austin, Texas—July 26, 2013**

Jackson was fatally shot during a scuffle resulting from a chase that took place when a police detective apprehended Jackson for trying to "defraud" a bank. The officer was indicted on a manslaughter charge.

**Deion Fludd, 17, New York, N.Y.—May 5, 2013**



Police say that a train clipped Fludd as he chased him after dodging subway fare. According to his mother, Fludd denied this before succumbing to his injuries. Aftermath: Fludd's mother sued the officers involved, the NYPD, and the MTA.

**Kimani Gray, 16, New York, N.Y.—March 9, 2013**

Police said Gray pointed a revolver at them as they attempted to question him. Friends and family say Gray had never had a gun, and a witness says he never pointed one at police. The cops shot a total of 11 rounds, striking Gray several times. No indictments for the cops responsible for shooting Gray.

**Angel Miguel Lopez, 27, San Diego, Calif.—January 17, 2013**

Lydia Lopez tells a local news reporter that her husband didn't have to die, and that she will struggle to cope with raising their twin 10-month-old sons without their father. The series of events that led to Lopez's death had begun several hours earlier, when a state parole agent notified San Diego police that two wanted ex-cons with extensive criminal records were believed to be at an apartment building in the 5400 block of Reservoir Drive, and at least one of them was believed to have a gun, a homicide Lieutenant said. Officers surrounded the complex and put it under surveillance into the early afternoon. They were preparing to call the suspects out when the pair emerged from the building. "When officers attempted to contact the (parolees), they both ran," Duran said. Police quickly cornered Lopez and ordered him to show his hands. Instead, he allegedly turned toward the officers while reaching into a pocket, as if retrieving a weapon. "Fearing he was about to be assaulted, the officer closest to (Lopez) fired his duty weapon, striking (him) at least once," Duran said. Authorities have not disclosed whether Lopez was armed at the time of his death and have yet to release the name of the 12-year SDPD veteran who shot him. Lopez was later found to be unarmed.

**Wesley Swilling, 31, Greenville, South Carolina—January 14, 2013**

Swilling was in the Law Enforcement Center parking lot and approached an officer and deputy in a "threatening manner" with what appeared to be a weapon. Fearing for their safety, they both shot at Swilling, hitting him at least once. Swilling fell down, but continued to approach them, so they took cover behind a vehicle and both fired again, hitting him at least once more. Swilling was pronounced dead at the scene. After further investigation, it was revealed that Swilling was "armed" with a hot glue gun.

**Robert E. Saylor, 26, Frederick, Maryland—January 12, 2013**

Three off-duty officers moonlighting as security guards confronted Saylor, a man with Down's Syndrome, when he refused to leave the theater after a movie. He was handcuffed when, according to police, he became "medically distressed." His death was ruled homicide by asphyxia due to officers sitting on his chest while subduing him. A Frederick County grand jury declined to indict the three deputies involved.

**Vasquez, Johnathan, 21, San Diego, Calif.—January 12, 2013**

Officers attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding. A high speed pursuit ensued. After the suspect drove into a vacant lot, he U-turned and drove towards the officers. The officers opened fire, fatally wounding the driver and injuring a passenger. Several residents around 11th Avenue and Orange Street called police about 9:30 p.m. to report hearing gunfire. Officers checked, but didn't find any victims or anything suspicious. A few minutes later, Vasquez turned up at the hospital on Citracado Parkway with a gunshot wound to his chest, and later died. Another man, age 23, was dropped off at the hospital branch downtown with a gunshot wound to one leg. Staff at both hospitals notified police. When the two men were shot, they went to a residence for help and people there took each man to the different hospitals. The victim with the leg wound has not cooperated with investigators, who have no suspect description. Homicide and gang-unit investigators were called to work the case.

**Johnnie Kamahi Warren, 43, Dothan, Ala.—December 10, 2012**

A Houston County Sheriff's deputy spotted Warren struggling with three other men outside a bar. Upon approaching Warren, he used a taser at least twice. Soon after additional officers arrived and arrested him, he lost consciousness and died at the hospital soon after. An Alabama Bureau of Investigation probe; the sheriff's deputy was placed on paid leave.

**Malissa Williams, 30, and Timothy Russell, 43, Cleveland, Ohio—November 29, 2012**

Russell led 62 police cars on a chase that ended with 137 shots being fired at his car, killing him and Williams. Police believed someone in Russell's car had fired at them first. Cornered at a middle school, Cleveland Patrolman Michael Brelo jumped on top of Russell's car from behind, climbed to the hood, and fired 15 more shots. A judge approved a settlement between the city and the two's families—\$1.5 million each. Brelo was indicted in May 2014 for voluntary manslaughter. His trial is presently taking place.

**Reynaldo Cuevas, 20, New York, N.Y.—September 7, 2012**

Cuevas was shot and killed by police as he was fleeing armed men attempting to rob the bodega he worked at. The Bronx District Attorney did not find the officer at fault and declined to move the case forward to a grand jury. His mother filed a \$25 million wrongful death claim against the city last year.

**Chavis Carter, 21, Jonesboro, Ark.—July 29, 2012**

Police say Carter killed himself while handcuffed in the back of a police car. His mother pointed out that he was left-handed (he would have shot himself with his right hand), detained for marijuana while his concealed weapon supposedly went undetected, and not suicidal. The officers involved were placed on administrative leave and the FBI stepped in to "monitor and assess " the situation. His mother filed a wrongful death suit.

**Milton Hall, 49, Saginaw, Mich.—July 1, 2012**

Saginaw police officers shot and killed the homeless Saginaw resident during a confrontation in a shopping plaza parking lot. Police were responding to reports that a man had stolen a cup of coffee from a convenience store and encountered Hall, who was armed with a knife and had a known history of mental illness. Six officers shot at Hall 47 times; 11 bullets struck him. Several civilians witnessed the incident and recorded portions of it on their cellular phones. After an investigation, Saginaw County's prosecutor did not seek state charges against the officers. The aftermath of the shooting sparked outrage among many citizens, caused Saginaw city leaders, the Saginaw Police Department and a citizens group to form a police advisory board. In these reports, the officers who discharged their weapons explained that they did so because they believed Hall posed an imminent threat to the officers' safety.

**Shantel Davis, 23, New York, N.Y.—June 14, 2012**

Police chased Davis in a stolen car through East Flatbush until it crashed. In the ensuing struggle at the vehicle, one officer fired one shot, killing Davis. She was unarmed. It's "not clear" if the plainclothes officers chasing knew the car was stolen. David was due in court the week she died for helping hold a man hostage as the group robbed his home. The officers involved were placed on administrative duty.

**Sharmel Edwards, 49, Las Vegas, Nev.—April 21, 2012**

Edwards was suspected of stealing a vehicle. A police chase ensued. Cops said that when they were finally able to get her to leave her car, she pointed a gun at them and they opened fire. At least three witnesses disputed that claim, with two saying she wasn't carrying a weapon at all. The Clark County DA office ruled that the officers who killed Edwards acted "reasonably and lawfully."

**Tamon Robinson, 27, New York, N.Y.—April 18, 2012**

Police responded to a call from Canarsie, Brooklyn that Robinson was stealing paving stones. When confronted by police, Robinson, unarmed, ran toward the building where his mother lived; officers chased him by car, hitting him. Robinson's family reached a \$2 million settlement in a wrongful death suit against the city this year.

**Ervin Jefferson, 18, Atlanta, Ga.—March 24, 2012**

Security guards shot Jefferson to death during a "bizarre chain of events" outside of an apartment complex. Aftermath: Security guards Curtis Scott and Gary Jackson were arrested and charged with impersonating police.

**Kendrec McDade, 19, Pasadena, Calif.—March 24, 2012**

McDade was chased and shot by two police officers after a 911 caller falsely reported he had been robbed at gunpoint by two black men. Both were unarmed. McDade was shot seven times. The police department and Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office cleared the officers of wrongdoing. Investigations by the FBI and Office of Independent Review are pending.

**Rekia Boyd, 22, Chicago, Ill.—March 21, 2012**

Off-duty officer fired an unregistered firearm into an alleyway where four people were standing after he allegedly saw a man brandish a gun. One of the bullets hit Boyd in the back of the head. She died the next day. The city of Chicago paid Boyd's family \$4.5 million in a wrongful death suit. The officer was charged with last November with involuntary manslaughter, reckless discharge of a firearm, and reckless conduct.

**Shereese Francis, 30, New York, N.Y.—March 15, 2012**

Francis, a schizophrenic who at the time was not taking her medication, became "increasingly emotionally distraught" after an argument with her mother. Her sister called 911, hoping for an ambulance—four police officers arrived instead, who chased Francis through the home. All four allegedly pinned her down as they handcuffed her and she stopped breathing soon after. She was pronounced dead at the hospital. The coroner's report concluded Francis died of "compression of trunk during agitated violent behavior." Her family filed a lawsuit after police dragged their feet on releasing records under the Freedom of Information Act.

**Wendell Allen, 20, New Orleans, La.—March 7, 2012**

Allen, unarmed, dressed only in jeans and sneakers, was shot and killed by New Orleans police officer Joshua Colclough executing a search warrant of Allen's home for marijuana. Colclough pleaded guilty to manslaughter and was sentenced to four years in prison the following year.

**Nehemiah Dillard, 29, Gainesville, Fla.—March 5, 2012**

Dillard was admitted to Meridian Behavioral Healthcare after "displaying strange behavior" in a stranger's yard. He allegedly struck a member of the hospital's staff, who called police. Officers shot him twice with tasers after he allegedly attacked them. After being handcuffed, the *Tampa Bay Times* reports, "a staffer at the facility injected him with drugs" and Dillard died soon after from cardiac arrest.

**Dante Price, 25, Dayton, Ohio—March 1, 2012**

Security guards ordered Price out of an apartment complex. They told him to leave his car, but instead he decided to drive away, so they fired 17 shots at him. Both security guards pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter and abduction. They were sentenced 3 to 11 years in prison.

**Raymond Allen, 34, Galveston, Texas—February 27, 2012**

Police responded to a complaint from a hotel that Allen was repeatedly jumping from the second story. Two officers tased him. He stopped breathing, and died in the hospital. His wife filed a lawsuit against Galveston, the county, and taser's manufacturer.

**Trayvon Martin, 17, Stanford, Fla.—February 26, 2012**

George Zimmerman fatally shot Trayvon Martin, a 17-year-old African American high school student. Zimmerman, a 28-year-old mixed-race Hispanic Man, was the neighborhood watch coordinator for the gated community where Martin was temporarily living and where the shooting took place. Zimmerman shot Martin, who was unarmed, during an altercation between the two. Responding to an earlier call from Zimmerman, police arrived on the scene within two minutes of the shooting. Zimmerman was taken into custody, treated for head injuries, then questioned for five hours. The police chief said that Zimmerman was released because there was no evidence to refute Zimmerman's claim of

having acted in self-defense, and that under Florida's Stand Your Ground statute, the police were prohibited by law from making an arrest. The police chief also said that Zimmerman had had a right to defend himself with lethal force. As news of the case spread, thousands of protesters across the country called for Zimmerman's arrest and a full investigation. Six weeks after the shooting, amid widespread, intense, and in some cases misleading media coverage, Zimmerman was charged with murder by a special prosecutor appointed by Governor Rick Scott. Zimmerman's trial began on June 10, 2013, in Sanford. On July 13, 2013, a jury acquitted him of second-degree murder and of manslaughter charges. The Justice Department announced that "there was not enough evidence for a federal hate crime prosecution."

**Sgt. Manuel Loggins, Jr., 31, Orange County, Calif.—February 7, 2012**

On a religious fast and off medication for ADHD, Loggins allegedly crashed into a gate at an Orange County high school with his car carrying his two daughters. After walking to and returning from the school's athletic field with a Bible, he was approached by a police officer, who shot Loggins three times through his car window. He was unarmed. Orange County paid \$4.4 million to Loggins' family in a settlement last year.

**Ramarley Graham, 18, New York, N.Y.—February 2, 2012**

Graham was shot and killed by police in the Bronx, who chased him into his home without a warrant. Shot him in front of relatives excessively. He was unarmed. The officer was initially indicted in 2012, but the case was later overturned. A second grand jury decided not to indict.

**Kenneth Chamberlain, 68, White Plains, N.Y.—November 19, 2011**

Chamberlain's Life Aid alert necklace was triggered by mistake, causing the police to respond. He refused to answer his door, saying he did not need help. The officer called Chamberlain a "nigger." The police broke down his door. They allege that Chamberlain attempted to charge them with a butcher knife. They tasered him, and shot him dead. Aftermath: No indictment for Officer Anthony Carelli, who shot Chamberlain twice. Chamberlain's family filed a \$21 million wrongful death suit.

**Eurie Stamps, 68, Framingham, Mass.—November 1, 2011**

Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone testified Officer Paul Duncan's rifle went off accidentally, killing Stamps who was handcuffed and lying facedown in his home during a midnight SWAT raid. Police were searching for his stepson and Stamps was not a suspect.

**Joetavius Stafford, 19, Atlanta, Ga.—October 15, 2011**

Contrary to witness reports, a statement from MARTA on Saturday night's fatal shooting of a 19-year-old says the victim was armed when he was shot by a MARTA police officer. According to MARTA, Officer Robert Waldo confronted Stafford near the Vine City MARTA station after 10 p.m. Saturday. Stafford was shot and killed in the exchange. His older brother, Rodney Stafford, said Joetavius had gotten into a fight outside the MARTA station. Rodney said someone fired a gun into the air, causing the gathered crowd to scatter. Rodney said his brother was running from the area when Officer Waldo began chasing him, and that he had his hands up when the officer shot him. "I witnessed that he was shot in the back," Rodney Stafford said. "My little brother had his hands up, and they shot him in the back." He said the officer shot his brother in the back two more times when he was on the ground. The Fulton County Medical Examiner ruled Stafford's death a homicide. MARTA officials said Officer Waldo has been placed on administrative leave with pay pending the conclusion of a GBI investigation into the shooting.

**Jason Moore, 31, Ferguson, Mo.—September 17, 2011**

Shot three times with a Taser and died. Family told media he had a mental illness. Civil suit was filed by his family in Federal court in 2014. Early one morning in September 2011, an unarmed 31-year-old black man ran down a residential street here yelling at cars while he pounded his hands on them. "God is good," the man, Jason Moore, said. "I am Jesus." The first officer to approach Mr. Moore told him to raise his hands and walk toward him, according to a police report on the episode. But Mr. Moore, whose family said he was mentally ill, started running toward the officer "in an

aggressive manner while swinging his fist in a pinwheel motion,” the officer said in the report. And when he failed to obey commands to get on the ground, the officer took out his [Taser](#) gun and fired it at him, the report said. Mr. Moore fell to the ground, but after he tried to get up, the officer fired the Taser twice more into him. Mr. Moore let out a raspy sound and stopped breathing. He was pronounced dead soon after.

### **Alonzo Ashley, 29, Denver, Colo.—July 18, 2011**

Police were called by Denver Zoo security who were alarmed over Ashley's behavior. Ashley was confronted and tasered. He started convulsing and then stopped breathing. Ashley's death was ruled a homicide by the coroner, but no officers were charged. Ashley's family sued Denver and the zoo.

### **Kenneth Harding, 19, San Francisco, Calif.—July 16, 2011**

Harding fled a routine Muni fare inspection. The police said that a shootout ensued, witnesses said that Harding did not have a weapon. According to police Cmdr. Mike Biel, the caliber of the bullet that killed Harding did not match the caliber used by police. "We believe that the fatal wound on Mr. Harding's body was self-inflicted," Biel said. Aftermath: Harding's mother filed federal wrongful death and civil rights lawsuits against San Francisco.

### **Daniel Ficker, 27, Parma, Ohio---July 4, 2011**

Ficker went to a party at Mindek's house the day before the shooting and was accused by Mindek's wife of stealing her jewelry. Tiffany Urbach, Ficker's girlfriend and the mother to his two children, is the cousin of Mindek's wife, Kimberly, and she called her husband about the missing jewelry. Mindek, who was off duty, and Craska, who was on, went to Urbach's home to talk to Ficker, and a struggle ensued. It ended with Craska shooting Ficker in the chest. In his order, Oliver wrote that there may be enough evidence to show that Craska and Mindek violated Ficker's civil rights when Craska fired his weapon. Further, he said a jury might be able to find Mindek liable because he did not stop his fellow officer. "According to Craska, he shot Ficker because he felt himself slipping out of consciousness and feared death or serious bodily harm," Oliver wrote. "However, according to eyewitness testimony, Mindek, whom Craska asserts he took for backup, was still there with his stun gun and was watching the fight without engaging. The judge also wrote that the police officers should have known they had no jurisdiction since they were not in the city of Cleveland, and that Craska might be liable for damages for patting Ficker down, trying to put him in the back of a squad car and ultimately trying to arrest Ficker. Finally, the city may be liable for failing to train officers, Oliver wrote, since Craska and Mindek felt they had authority to investigate the case and pat down and detain Ficker while in Parma. Bernadette Rolan, Ficker's mother, said that she heard about the decision through an email from Gilbert. She said it was good news, even though she is still waiting for a resolution. "You learn to have patience," Rolan said. A grand jury cleared Craska of criminal liability. Mindek was acquitted of a dereliction of duty charge after prosecutors accused him of failing to help Craska make an arrest. Ficker's family has a billboard placed in Cleveland's Ohio City neighborhood -- which is visible when on West 25th Street -- that says "Justice for Dan Ficker." The billboard is put up in honor of his March 16 birthday, his mother said. A U.S. Department of Justice report released in December criticizes Cleveland police over its use-of-force policies and practices.

### **David Hebert, 40, Cincinnati, Ohio---April 18, 2011**

Bones was walking his dog, Shady, with a female friend around 3 a.m. the night of his death. Minutes before, a new acquaintance of Bones, Jason Weller, called 911 to report a man described as Bones to have recently stolen a pirate sword from his apartment, leaving Weller bloodied and alone. Although several of his friends admit he was inclined toward rowdy and reckless behavior when he was intoxicated, but not violent. Shortly after police stopped Bones and took his official statement, the police report alleges, "Mr. Hebert pulled a 13-inch switchblade knife with a six-inch blade from his pocket, raised his arm, and made a swiping motion with the knife at one of the officers. Sergeant Andrew Mitchell, who was serving as cover officer, drew his firearm as Mr. Hebert turned and stepped toward another officer. Sergeant Mitchell discharged two rounds from his Department-issued firearm, striking Mr. Hebert in left shoulder and left upper chest with both rounds." Bones was pronounced dead at the scene, and a toxicology report

showed he had a blood alcohol level of .33 and traces of psychedelic mushrooms and marijuana. The investigations following his death — all of which exonerated Mitchell and the Police Department from any fault — brought to light a slew of inconsistencies, including conflicting statements from the officers involved, details about where Bones' knife was ultimately found and discrepancies in Weller's story, all of which form a basis for the current lawsuit. Videos retrieved from a Officer Dawson's cruiser cam also show that officers stood by idly, failing to offer any sort of assistance of resuscitation to Bones, as it appears Officer Mitchell kicks Bones' arm to check for consciousness).

#### **Shelley Amos, 56, and Cheryl Blount-Burton, 51---Decatur, Ga.---February 19, 2011**

DeKalb Police Officer Kristina Hambie slammed into a white Nissan Altima carrying Shelley Scott Amos and Cheryl Blount Burton. Died from injuries sustained during motor vehicle accident. Police officer was estimated to be driving at twice the speed limit while not on an emergency call when she collided with another vehicle. The officer was later indicted on two counts of vehicular homicide and reckless driving. DeKalb County, claiming it is part of an ongoing investigation, never released its content, but it settled the case in June 2011 for the maximum insurance benefit and fired Hambie. On Sept. 29, 2011, a DeKalb grand jury indicted Hambie on two counts of vehicular homicide in the first degree, reckless driving, and violation of oath by a public officer. She was arrested on Oct. 4, 2011, but wasn't arraigned until September 2013. She pleaded not guilty at her arraignment and was released on a \$50,000 bond. Since then, the families say nothing has happened with the case.

#### **Daniel Johnson, 35, Lakewood, Wash.---February 2, 2011**

Shot in vehicle by SWAT team after "seeing movement in the car". Police had stopped Johnson in relation to a report of domestic violence when a shot was fired inside the vehicle. Police report the first shot was self-inflicted. The medical examiner later determined that the fatal shot was fired by the SWAT team.

#### **Raheim Brown, 20, Oakland, Calif.—January 22, 2011**

During a struggle with the police, Brown was shot five times, including twice in the head. Police reports alleged that Brown was attempting to stab an officer with a screwdriver. No indictment for the officer The Oakland Unified School District settled with Brown's parents for \$995,000.

#### **Reginald Doucet, 25, Los Angeles, Calif.—January 14, 2011**

Police responded to a "disturbing the peace" call, where Doucet was arguing with a taxi driver. Doucet had stripped down. Doucet reportedly resisted arrest, and a chase ensued. During a violent confrontation, the unarmed Doucet was fatally shot. The Los Angeles Police Commission ruled that the officer was justified in shooting Doucet. A judge dismissed the wrongful death lawsuit filed by Doucet's family.

#### **Christopher Knight, 35, Brunswick, Georgia---December 20, 2010**

Died after being shocked with a Taser. Knight was being arrested for having rammed his car into another vehicle. Police used a Taser on Knight for resisting arrest, after which he rolled over and stopped breathing.

#### **Doug Zerby, 35, Long Beach, Calif.---December 12, 2010**

Zerby was in his friend's backyard playing with a hose nozzle while drunk. He was shot by two police officers who responded to a call of a man with a handgun in a backyard of a home. The officers and the caller said they believed that the hose nozzle appeared to be a gun.

#### **Derrick Jones, 37, Oakland, Calif.—November 8, 2010**

Jones' neighbor accused him of assault. Police arrived and Jones fled. According to Officers Perez-Angeles and Daza-Quiroz, when they caught up with Jones, they thought that he was reaching for a gun, so they fired at him. Six of their

nine shots hit Jones, who was unarmed. No indictment. Oakland settled with Jones' parents and daughter for \$225,000. His widow lost a \$10 million civil suit.

**Tobias Arthur Mackey, 25, Dallas, Texas---October 29, 2010**

Tate claimed he shot Mackey because he thought he was reaching for a gun. A Dallas County grand jury cleared Tate last year of any wrongdoing. ... The suit claims that after being shot, Mackey said: "Why did you shoot me? I don't have anything." Tate then shot him again, at close range, the suit alleges. He was shot a total of nine times, according to the lawsuit.

**Douglas Ostling, 43, Bainbridge Island, Wash.---October 26, 2010**

Bled to death after being shot in leg through door. Officers were responding to a 911 call from Ostling in a reported state of "excited delirium." Ostling opened the door to officers while holding an ax, then retreated and closed door. Ostling was left unattended for 75 minutes after being shot.

**Danroy D.J. Henry, 20, Thornwood, N.Y.—October 17, 2010**

A police officer shot Henry through the windshield of Henry's car as Henry drove during a chaotic altercation. Innocent and Unarmed. Henry was shot three times and killed by police in the midst of a brawl outside Finnegan's Grill in the shopping center after striking an officer with his car. The father of a passenger in the car said that the driver headed away because he thought police wanted him to move. Roughly six months later, the head of the New York police union, presented Aaron Hess, the officer who shot and killed Danroy "DJ" Henry, with an "officer of the year" award. No indictment for Hess. Henry's family filed a wrongful death suit.

**Danny Rodriguez, 28, Phoenix, Arizona---October 5, 2010**

Rodriguez and his pit bull were shot and killed by officer Richard Chrisman after reports of a domestic disturbance at their home. Chrisman claimed that Rodriguez tried to attack him with a bicycle. According to prosecutors, Chrisman killed Rodriguez without a possibility of a threat. Chrisman was charged with second-degree murder and animal cruelty, and was convicted of the lesser charge of manslaughter and assault. He was sentenced to seven years of prison in 2013.

**Nathan Manning, 31, San Diego, Calif.---July 20, 2010**

Manning of North Park died Thursday after he and a roommate engaged in a violent fight. A San Diego police detective was unable to calm Manning down and the two ended up wrestling on the ground, witnesses said. The detective pulled out his gun and fired once. Noah Manning said his brother was unarmed at the time of the shooting.

**Carl D. Johnson, 48, Baltimore, Maryland---June 28, 2010**

Johnson was driving home from bible study when he went into diabetic shock and began driving on the shoulder. Police arrived on the scene in response to 911 calls of other drivers. According to officers, Johnson "did not cooperate" with them as they approached his vehicle. Officers responded by spraying Johnson with pepper spray, striking him with their batons, tasing him twice, and punching him in the face, before handcuffing him. Johnson went into cardiac arrest and died one hour later.

**Aiyana Jones, 7, Detroit, Mich.—May 16, 2010**

Jones was shot when a Special Response Team raided the duplex she lived in. Officers threw a grenade into Jones' apartment. The officer claimed Jones's grandmother grabbed his gun, causing Jones to be shot. Weekley was charged with involuntary manslaughter. His first trial ended in a mistrial. So did his second.

**Steven Eugene Washington, 27, Los Angeles, CA—March 20, 2010**

Police officers spotted Washington on a Los Angeles street. He reportedly approached them, appearing to be removing something from his waistband. He was shot and killed. No weapon was found on him. Later, Washington's family revealed that he was autistic. Police Chief Charlie Beck recommended that Officers Allan Corrales and George Diego be cleared of charges, but the civilian commission that oversees the LAPD disagreed Washington's mother received \$950,000 in a settlement with Los Angeles.

**Aaron Campbell, 25, Portland, Ore.—January 29, 2010**

Campbell was shot in front of his apartment after being reported to the police as suicidal and possessing a gun. Campbell was unarmed. Campbell was walked backward with his hands behind his head. Officer Frashour told Campbell to put his hands straight in the air. When Campbell did not comply, Frashour shot him. No indictment for Frashour. He was fired for not following protocol, but then reinstated. Portland agreed to pay Campbell's family \$1.2 million to settle their civil suit against the city.

**Kiwane Carrington, 15, Champaign, Ill.—October 9, 2009**

Police investigating a suspected break-in at a house encountered the unarmed Carrington. A scuffle ensued and the officer's gun "went off," killing Carrington. No indictment for Norbits, but he did receive a total of \$423,697 in disability and worker's compensation payments. Carrington's family received \$470,000 from Champaign in a settlement of their wrongful death lawsuit.

**Victor Steen, 17, Pensacola, Fla.—October 3, 2009**

Steen rode his bike as a cop chased him. Steen refused to stop, and so the cop, Jerald Ard, tasered him. Steen fell from his bike and Ard ran him over, killing him. Ard also may have planted a gun on Steen after his death. Ard was suspended from the force without pay for two weeks. The city of Pensacola paid Steen's mother a \$500,000 settlement.

**Shem Walker, 49, New York, N.Y.—July 11, 2009**

Walker was shot when trying to eject an undercover officer from his stoop. Walker was unarmed. No indictment for the officer. New York City paid \$2.25 million to settle with Walker's family.

**David Duncan Clark, 24, Bellingham, Wash.—April 4, 2009**

Shot after brandishing what appeared to be a handgun. Police were responding to a report of disorderly conduct. The gun was found to be a toy.

**Oscar Grant, 22, Oakland, Calif.—January 1, 2009**

After reports of a fight at the BART train station, police detained Grant and some of his friends. While Grant was lying face down, resisting arrest, a police officer named Johannes Mehserle shot him. The officer claimed he meant to taser Grant. He was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter and not guilty of second-degree murder and voluntary manslaughter. He was sentenced to two years in prison. BART paid Grant's mother and daughter \$2.8 million to settle the civil suit they filed. Grant's father lost a civil case against the officer.

**Tarika Wilson, 26, Lima, Ohio—January 4, 2008**

A SWAT team arrived at Wilson's home with the intention of arresting her companion for dealing drugs. When they opened fire, they shot and killed Wilson. The sergeant who shot Wilson, was acquitted of two misdemeanors: negligent homicide and negligent assault. Wilson's family received a \$2.5 million wrongful death settlement.

**Frank Ramos, 49, Bakersfield, Calif.—October 10, 2007**

Ramos was shot while holding a replica handgun while standing in a street.

**DeAunta Terrel Farrow, 12, West Memphis, Ark.—July 22, 2007**

Farrow was out walking with his 14-year-old cousin when gunned down by a police officer, Erik Sammis. Sammis claims that only after he shot Farrow did he realize that the gun Farrow was carrying was a toy. Sammis wasn't indicted. He resigned from the force via a letter that contained the sentence, "Then there are others who are not rational and breed hate and racism in this community." Sammis and Jimmy Evans, who was also on duty with him July 22, 2007, were found not liable in Farrow's family's \$250 million civil suit.

**Mario Fernando Torres Gomez, 34, Tulsa, Ok.—April 4, 2007**

Gomez was unarmed and fleeing from police when he was shot at the I-44 & 169 interchange. The officer who shot Gomez was cleared in the shooting, but in 2010 the city paid \$85,000 to settle a lawsuit by Gomez's family



**Sean Bell, 23, New York, N.Y.—November 25, 2006**

On the night before Bell's wedding, Bell and his friends attempted to flee the scene of escalating tension with the police. The police fired about 50 shots into Bell's car, killing him in the process: All three officers were acquitted on all charges. They and their commanding officer were fired/forced to resign. New York City agreed to pay Bell's family \$3.25 million to settle their wrongful death suit.

**Joseph Erin Hamley, 21, Tontitown, Arkansas---March 7, 2006**

At 7 a.m. on March 7, 2006, Hamley, who suffered from [cerebral palsy](#), was walking alone on highway 412 just outside the community of Tontitown along the Benton-Washington county line when several [Washington County](#) deputies surrounded him. Four minutes later, before being identified, and while lying on the ground, a [shotgun slug](#) fired by Norman, an Arkansas State Trooper breaking police protocol and procedure killed Hamley. The fatal shooting was recorded from multiple vantage points on dashboard cameras of the various police cruisers present. On April 13, 2006, Norman was indicted by a grand jury on a charge of [negligent homicide](#). On June 28, 2007, Norman pled guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 90 days in jail, 30 days of [community service](#), one year of probation and a \$1,000 fine. Norman served 54 days of his jail sentence. The Arkansas State Police settled a [lawsuit](#) on March 5, 2007 with the victim's family for one million dollars. Norman was later granted a full early medical retirement from the Arkansas State Police at the age of 40.

**Aaron Brown, 18, Alexandria, Virginia---February 25, 2006**

Alexandria Police Chief David P. Baker today announced that the department has concluded its internal administrative investigation into the police shooting that resulted in the death of 18-year-old Aaron Brown of Springfield. As a result of its findings, the department is disciplining the officer involved for violating police department policy when handling such encounters and modifying its procedures for handling similar incidents. In the early morning hours of February 25, 2006, Officer Carl Stowe, working an off-duty security detail at the International House of Pancakes restaurant at 6254 Duke Street, attempted to stop a vehicle occupied by six customers who had left the restaurant without paying their bill. Officer Stowe saw the suspects leave the restaurant and enter a Jeep Cherokee parked on the premises, and directed the driver to stop. The driver ignored the order and began to flee, driving past Officer Stowe. Within seconds, Officer Stowe again encountered the Jeep at another point in the parking lot and, again, ordered the driver to stop. The driver of the fleeing vehicle, who was subsequently determined to have been under the influence of alcohol and marijuana, accelerated and swerved toward Officer Stowe. In accordance with department policy and training, Officer Stowe attempted to move from the vehicle's path but the driver continued to accelerate and steer in the direction the officer was moving. At that point, Officer Stowe, in fear that the driver was about to strike him with the vehicle, fired multiple shots at the driver in defense of his own life. One of the shots struck and killed Mr. Brown, who had fled the restaurant with the group and was positioned in the back seat of the Jeep behind the driver. In June, following a separate criminal investigation, Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph Sengel determined that Officer Stowe had been legally justified in using lethal force. Mr. Sengel found that the elapsed time between the officer's first shot, which struck the front of the car's hood, and the third shot that struck Mr. Brown was likely between one-fifth and one-quarter of a second, and that the Jeep vehicle had traveled at least nine feet during that time.

**Henry Glover, 31, New Orleans, La.—September 2, 2005**

Glover was shot in the chest by NOPD officer at a strip mall in the days following Hurricane Katrina. Glover, with the help of a friend, attempted to get aid, and ended up handcuffed. He died. NOPD The officer set fire to Glover's body in Glover's friend's car. The officer was sentenced to 25 years and 9 months on a manslaughter conviction. He got 17 years and 3 months for obstruction of justice. About a year and a half later, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals vacated his convictions and ordering new trials. Warren was acquitted in the retrial.

**Ronald Madison, 40, and James Brisette, 17, New Orleans, La.—Sept. 4, 2005**

Police received a call claiming gunfire on the Danziger Bridge. Police opened fire upon arriving in a Budget Rental Truck. They hit Brisette. Madison, who was developmentally disabled, fled. Two cops chased him down. One shot him. The other stomping Madison on the back before he died. That conviction was later overturned. Police attempted a cover up. Eventually five officers involved in the shooting were found guilty of various charges. One was sentenced to 65 years' imprisonment, two others received 40 years, another got 38 years, and the investigator placed on the case and eventually found guilty of conspiring to conceal evidence, received 6 years. A month later, the same judge that

convicted them vacated their convictions and ordered a new trial as a result of the defendants' appeal and "highly unusual, extensive and truly bizarre actions" by prosecutors.

**Herman Jackson, 37, Sylvester, Georgia---February 20, 2004**

A Sylvester police officer won't be tried for the death of a man in his custody. Tuesday, the grand jury no-billed Charles Thurmond on charges of involuntary manslaughter and reckless conduct in the death of Herman Jackson. February 20, 2004, Jackson suffered a broken larynx during an arrest. Assistant Chief Thurmond wrapped his arm around Jackson's neck to subdue him during the arrest. The death enraged many people in the community who rallied in support of Jackson's family. They say the justice system failed. "We anticipated it would happen like that, but still we're very upset. And, we would like to see some justice done because we don't feel this is a fair decision that's been made by the grand jury," said City Councilman Dr. Bruce Washington. The City Council is holding a meeting Friday to decide if Thurmond and the two other officers involved will keep their jobs. "With the grand jury giving their verdict on the situation, it's time for the City to begin to talk about what our process will be," said Sylvester Mayor. Both officers went on administrative leave.

**Timothy Stansbury, 19, New York, N.Y.—January 24, 2004**

The officer in his trial testified that he shot the unarmed Stansbury by accident when Stansbury pushed open the rooftop door of a building Neri was patrolling. He was not indicted. He was suspended for 30 days without pay and stripped of his gun permanently. The NYPD settled the wrongful death lawsuit of Stansbury's family for \$2 million.

**Alberta Spruill, 57, New York, N.Y.—May 16, 2003**

Police knocked down Spruill's door, apparently acting on bad information that there were drugs and guns inside her apartment. They threw a concussion grenade into her home. She died of a heart attack. The city paid Spruill's family \$1.6 million as a settlement for the wrongful death lawsuit they filed.

**Ousmane Zongo, 43, New York, N.Y.—May 22, 2003**

Zongo was shot four times (twice in the back) by an officer during a police raid in a storage facility where Zongo worked. Zongo was unarmed and his business (art and musical instrument reparation) had nothing to do with what the police were investigating (CD and DVD piracy). Aftermath: Conroy was convicted of criminally negligent homicide. He received five years probation and lost his job. Zongo's family received \$3 million in a wrongful death suit.

**Michael Pleasance, 23, Chicago, Ill.---March 8, 2003**

Michael arrived at a CTA Red Line station where Officer Weems was breaking up a fight on the train platform, according to an in-depth *Chicago Reader* report on the incident from 2007. Weems' police shirt was covered by a coat and he was wearing a hat, leaving some at the station unaware that he was a police officer. As Weems detained Pleasance's friend, he stood nearby holding his friend's coat--until Weems turned and shot him in the face. Pleasance was pronounced dead on arrival at a nearby hospital. After the incident, Officer Weems admitted that the shooting was not justified, and the city also acknowledged that the officer was wrong. So, in 2007, a jury was asked to determine how much the city should pay for the mistake. The Daley administration finally decided to pay up: awarding Pleasance's mother \$3 million for the wrongful death of her son. "His mother said from the beginning there was no way her son would ever try to grab a gun from a police officer -- and he didn't," Allen Schwartz, an attorney for Pleasance's mother, told the *Sun-Times*. "But the only reason they admitted responsibility was the whole thing was captured on videotape. It was an unprovoked shooting. Michael was standing there holding his friend's jacket and got shot in the face." Schwartz added that his client just wants the whole thing to be over.

**Orlando Barlow, 28, Las Vegas, Nev.—February 28, 2003**

Barlow was hired to babysit seven children. After a supposed argument, his employer (the children's mother) called the police, saying that Barlow was holding her children hostage with a sawed-off shotgun. Police responded to the call. Barlow was shot while surrendering. He was unarmed. A coroner's inquest labeled the shooting "excusable." The FBI looked into it. "The shooting was unanimously ruled justifiable, but Hartman and two other officers were fired after they printed T-shirts with the initials 'BDRT' — 'Baby's Daddy Removal Team,'"

**Gregory Herring, 37, Colorado Springs, Colorado---January 5, 2003**

According to the El Paso County coroner, Herring, 37, died accidentally during the struggle with officers of “sudden cardiovascular collapse.” The 4th Judicial District Attorney’s Office investigated and determined the officers did nothing criminal. But Herring’s older sister, Carolyn Moore, didn’t accept it. Moore, who adopted Herring’s children to raise with her own eight, sued the city of Colorado Springs on behalf of Herring’s estate. She wasn’t looking for money, she said. Instead, she wanted answers. “This was no accident,” Moore said recently. “A brutal beating in that scuffle with police caused the cardiac arrest.” According to court documents and police reports, the three police officers — Gary Darress, Rory Carroll and Brent Ambuehl — believed they were in a fight for their lives. With handcuffs, fists, spray and batons, the three tried to get the 6-foot, 217-pound Herring under control — and they were losing. Until Darress, according to court records, “pressed his thumb into a pressure point on the side of Herring’s neck to get Herring to stop fighting them.” Herring quit breathing shortly after that. Then his heart stopped. He was dead by the time he arrived at a hospital. The city settled, paying Herring’s estate \$19,500. That settlement came this year after federal Magistrate Judge Patricia Coan rejected the city’s request to dismiss the suit against Darress. Usually when police officers are acting in their official capacity, they are immune from being sued.

**Bruce James Weigel, 42, Cheyenne, Wy.---December 20, 2002**

Died of “mechanical asphyxiation” as a result of arresting state trooper putting weight on Weigel's back while handcuffing Weigel on the ground. The state of Wyoming settled a federal lawsuit for \$500,000 in the case

**James E. Taylor, 50, Louisville, Ky.---December 12, 2002**

Taylor was shot multiple times in his apartment on St. Catherine Blvd. in Old Louisville, his hands cuffed behind his back. The two arresting LMPD officers alleged that he'd tried to cut them with a box-cutter he apparently had in his back pocket. Officers were acquitted of all charges.

**Dawn Rae Nelson, 35, Chandler, Ariz.---October 11, 2002**

Lovelace shot Dawn Rae Nelson, 35, after she tried to pass a bogus prescription at a drive-through pharmacy. Lovelace said she had driven toward him while trying to flee. Prosecutors said Lovelace had not been in danger when he fired. Result: A jury acquitted Lovelace of all charges. Chandler paid a confidential, multimillion-dollar settlement to Nelson's family. Lovelace was fired and remains out of law enforcement.

**Christopher "Winks" Arnold, 29, Yorn, Penn.---September 8, 2002**

Arnold died of [positional asphyxiation](#) after being beaten by police in his front yard, hogtied, and placed face down in the police wagon. Officers were responding to a reports of Arnold, a schizophrenic, walking around and talking to himself.

**Timothy Thomas, 19, Cincinnati, Ohio—April 7, 2001**

Nine officers pursued Thomas, who was wanted on 14 misdemeanor counts. Twelve of them were traffic violations. A chase ensued. Thomas ran into an alley and was shot by Patrolman Stephen Roach, who joined the group of nine officers during the pursuit. Roach said he believed Thomas was going for a gun, but an investigation later revealed that Thomas was attempting to pull up his pants. Roach was acquitted on a charge of negligent homicide. An investigation later revealed that Roach lied on his incident report and broke protocol.

**Prince Jones, 25, Fairfax County, Va.—Sept. 1, 2000**

An undercover narcotics agent followed the unarmed Jones, firing 16 shots at him while Jones was in his Jeep. Eight landed. Officials later confirmed that the officer mistook Prince Jones for someone else. The Fairfax commonwealth's attorney and the Justice Department declined to file charges against the officer. The case was not put before a grand jury. Five years after the killing, Prince Jones's parents and daughter were awarded \$3.7 million in a wrongful death lawsuit.

**Lisa Bymon, 26,,Juwana Williams, 5, Desiree Williams, 7, and Ponda Davis, 28, Hinesville, Georgia---July 6, 2000**

Stabbed to death by off-duty police officer Calvin Williams, was sentenced to four life sentences for the crimes. The trial was moved from Hinesville, about 35 miles southwest of Savannah, to Macon after one of Williams' attorneys asked to have the trial moved because of publicity in Liberty County. District Attorney Tom Durden asked the jury to find at least one aggravating circumstance in the case, which would allow them to choose a sentence of either the death

penalty or life in prison without parole. "This is one of the most inhumane and horrible crimes this court has ever seen," said Judge Paul Rose. "I can't imagine the horror that went through those poor people's minds as they went to their deaths, and yet a jury of your peers has chosen to show you mercy."

**Todd Dieterle, 37, Santa Rosa, Calif.---June 5, 2000**

Dieterle robbed a convenience store with a plastic squirt gun that was painted to look realistic, and was shot at least seven times by Santa Rosa Police Department and Santa Rosa Junior College Police officers.

**Ronald Beasley, 36, and Earl Murray, 36, Dellwood, Mo.—June 12, 2000**

Beasley and Murray, described by some family and friends as small-time drug dealers, were shot and killed during an attempted drug bust in a restaurant parking lot. One cop called the killings "unintended, but not a mistake." Both were unarmed and no drugs were found. The officers were cleared of wrongdoing after a yearlong investigation.

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**Erin McDonald, 31, Windsor, Calif.---May 10, 2002**

McDonald was shot by police officers after she pointed a BB gun at them. Police came to her residence in response to a psychotic episode.

**Tysheen Bourne, 19, and Andre Bourne,17, New York, N.Y.---March 3, 2000**

Both shot by undercover NYPD narcotics agents after they wielded replica handguns.

**Patrick Dorismond, 26, New York, NY—March 16, 2000**

An undercover cop approached Dorismond and his friend, Kevin Kaiser, when they were standing outside of a lounge. The cop asked where he could buy marijuana. A scuffle ensued and another undercover cop, Anthony Vasquez, stepped in to help his partner. Vasquez claimed Dorismond grabbed his gun and caused it to discharge into his own chest. Vasquez said the first cop was in their face, and that he attempted to pull Dorismond out of the confrontation to no avail. Vasquez was not indicted. New York paid the Dorismond family \$2.25 million as a settlement in a wrongful death suit.

**Malcolm Ferguson, 23, New York, N.Y.—March 1, 2000**

Drug officers "noticed some movement" in the hallway of a public housing building and investigated. Ferguson, who was unarmed, ran up the stairs. "At some point, on the second-floor landing, there was a struggle," The police chief said. "The officer's firearm discharged." He was cleared of wrongdoing. Ferguson's mom, Juanita Young, was awarded \$10.5 million as a result of her wrongful death suit against the NYPD and the city.

**Amadou Diallo, 23, New York, N.Y.—Feb. 4, 1999**

Four plainclothes officers fired a total of 41 shots at Diallo outside of his apartment in the Bronx. Nineteen hit him. He was armed with a wallet, which an officer mistook for a gun when he pulled it out of his pocket. Officers initially approached him because he supposedly matched the description of a serial rapist. The officers were acquitted of all charges. Diallo's mother and stepfather filed a \$61 million (\$20m plus \$1m for each shot fired) wrongful death suit against the officers and New York city. They settled for \$3 million.