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Medical Examiner's Office
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MEDICAL EXAMINER'S VERDICT

Thomas P. Gilson, M.D.
Medical Examiner
THE STATE OF OHIO,
CUYAHOGA COUNTY

CASE NUMBER: IN2014-01991

Be it Remembered That on the 23rd day of November, 2014 information was given to me, Thomas P. Gilson, M.D., Medical Examiner of said County, that the dead body of a boy, who has come to his death as the result of a shooting,

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The Cuyahoga County medical examiner released on Friday the autopsy of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, who was shot and killed by a Cleveland police officer Nov. 22.

The autopsy report said Tamir was 5 feet, 7 inches tall and weighed 195 pounds. He was shot once in the abdomen and the bullet damaged a major vein and his intestines, Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner Thomas Gil-

son concluded. He reaffirmed the death was a homicide.

A grand jury will consider whether criminal charges are merited. The officers involved in the shooting are on paid administrative leave.

Meanwhile, a Cleveland police union official said a dispatcher didn't tell the officers involved in the shooting that the gun might not be real or that the person might be a child. He also said the police car skidded as it approached Tamir.

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Protest in Washington, D.C.

Tamir's mother to join march

Families of victims of other police shootings also will take part

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The mother of Tamir Rice will join the Rev. Al Sharpton and the families of Michael Brown, Eric Garner and Trayvon Martin to lead a march against police brutality and excessive force through the nation's capital today.

The march, organized by Sharpton's National Action Network, will begin at Freedom Plaza in Washington, D.C., at noon and end at Capitol Hill. The marchers

are calling for national reforms in how police officers are investigated after uses of force.

Samaria Rice, whose 12-year-old son was shot and killed by a Cleveland police officer Nov. 22, does not plan to address the crowd.

Rice's attorney, Walter Madison, said the march will demand that police officers be subjected to preliminary hearings in excessive force cases, as occurs with other individuals.

He said the Cleveland Police

officer who shot Tamir, Tim Loehmann, deviated from his training and "escalated the situation with a small child."

"When you deviate from protocol and training, you divest yourself of the latitude and protection we give an officer," Madison said.

"These officers get the right to carry a weapon after completing hundreds of hours of training. This training is designed to de-escalate and properly allow a person to assess a situation."

Protests are also planned in

Cleveland on Saturday at Market Plaza at West 25th Street and Lorain Avenue, and at 11 a.m. Saturday at Beachwood Place mall.

The protests come after the Department of Justice released a report that found Cleveland police engaged in a pattern and practice of unconstitutional and excessive force and does not hold officers accountable.

Northeast Ohio Media Group reporter Sabrina Eaton contributed to this story.



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People protesting police killings, including that of Tamir Rice, 12, of Cleveland, march along Detroit Avenue in Cleveland on Friday.

Protesters march to push change by police

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Protesters demanded change Friday afternoon in the wake of the police shooting of 12-year-old Tamir Rice last month.

About 30 demonstrators marched from the Cudell Recreation Center, where a police officer shot Rice last month.

The marchers referenced other recent police encounters, includ-

ing the shooting death of Michael Brown by a suburban St. Louis officer, and the death of Eric Garner, who was placed in a chokehold by a Staten Island officer in New York.

"Even your ordinary suburban white person is saying, 'Wow this is really wrong,'" said Kathleen Rolenz, a minister at West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, who marched Friday to Gordon Square with members of her con-

gregation. "The excessive action has shocked the nation."

Police cars and slowed traffic trailed the protesters who walked on Detroit Avenue for about an hour.

Protests last week caused headaches for downtown commuters.

State Rep. Nickie Antonio, who represents the area around the Cudell Recreation Center, spoke to protesters Friday and called for careful examination of police

training.

"The people of Cleveland are looking for answers," she said.

Tamir was shot by a rookie police officer Nov. 22 outside the recreation center after a bystander called 9-1-1 and reported that someone was at the park with a gun.

Cleveland police sent a cruiser to scene, and an officer shot Tamir, who was carrying an air-soft replica pistol.

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Surveillance video released by police shows Tamir being shot within 2 seconds after the patrol car stopped near him. In that time, Officer Timothy Loehmann told the boy to put his hands up, but he didn't, according to police brass and Follmer. Tamir had nearly pulled the gun out of his waistband when Loehmann shot him, Follmer said.

The man who had called 9-1-1 told dispatchers someone was pointing a pistol that was "probably fake" and scaring everyone. The caller also said the person was probably a child.

Officer Frank Garmback pulled into the park after seeing Tamir at a distance and slammed on the brakes when Tamir did not run, as they had expected, Follmer said. That caused the car to slide on the slick grass and stop within a few feet of the boy, Follmer said.

Garmback and Loehmann had discussed tactics while approach-



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Cleveland Police Patrolmen's Association President Jeff Follmer describes the events leading up to the shooting of 12-year-old Tamir Rice by rookie officer Tim Loehmann on Nov. 22.

ing the park, Follmer said. Garmback was Loehmann's field training officer that day.

The officers also thought they were confronting someone about 20 years old, not 12, Follmer said.

They didn't learn Tamir's age until later in the day.

"In their mindset, they're still thinking it's an older male, not a 12-year-old kid," Follmer said. "That's the reality. That's what

they see right there, right then." Tamir's mother, Samaria Rice, said at a news conference earlier this week that a friend had given Tamir the airsoft gun.

The guns are sold with an orange tip that is supposed to distinguish them from an actual firearm. There was no orange tip on Tamir's gun.

Samaria Rice said Loehmann should be convicted of a crime. Loehmann's father has said his son had no choice but to shoot because he thought the gun was real.

Several peaceful protests have taken place in Cleveland since the shooting, which occurred during a time when police-involved deaths have drawn national attention.

Last week, the U.S. Justice Department released its findings from a 20-month investigation of Cleveland police that found a pattern and practice of officers using excessive force and violating people's civil rights.

Information from the Associated Press and Northeast Ohio Media Group reporter Patrick Cooley was included in this story.