

Detroit Area Police Brutality Incidents Since 9/11

Across the country since the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon, there have been reports that police have accelerated their war against Black, minority, and poor people, under cover of national security protection. Some incidents in the metro Detroit area include the following:

9/15/2001: 19-year-old Talayna Carpenter shot in head and partially blinded on Detroit's east side by officer Terence Watson, who was later acquitted. Talayna was innocent of any wrong; she was taking her brothers to the store in her father's van.

10/2001: Laurene Knox threatened with being shot in the head by police officers for not stopping immediately as they followed her near Motor City Casino. The officers made reference to Talayna's shooting. Ms. Knox's son Jerome Knox was killed by police on January 1, 2001, running from officers.

5/10/2002: Seventy-five year old Detroiters Fred Murray shot by Detroit police in the 3200 block of Virginia Park, survived. Police claimed he pulled a gun on neighbors and police, but neighbors later said he was a peaceful man.

5/10/2002: Madison Heights resident Mark Shollenberger shot to death by Hazel Park officer after running a red light. Shollenberger allegedly pulled a gun on officer.

5/26/2002: Young Lincoln Park man, Mike Estrada, shot to death by police there after reportedly being seen walking down street with knives. Father Nicasio Estrada said officers shot his son in leg, then executed him as he lay on ground.

5/30/2002: Brownstown Township police shot and killed a 36-year-old man after he ran into a field. They stopped him for 'acting suspiciously,' claimed he fired at them.

5/31/2002: Novi woman, 40, accuses 6th precinct Detroit police officer of battering and fondling her on Grand River near Fenton. Officer claimed she was a prostitute and told her "I don't want you in my neighborhood."

7/28/2002: Hayes family brutalized by cops in 10th precinct. Brothers were maced and beaten, sister's camera smashed. Cops said their car was illegally parked.

8/12/2002 and ongoing: Witnesses and residents of Corbette Street on Detroit's east side held incommunicado at police HQ, threatened, harassed in wake of shooting death of Officer Scott Stewart.

8/22/2002: Harper Woods and Detroit police shoot and kill Ryan Earle, 25, of New Baltimore after a \$30 hold-up at a restaurant. Earle was killed during a wild shoot-out on the I-94 x-way, during which a Detroit cop also shot a Harper Woods cop.

8/28/2002: Seventeen-year-old Detroit man shot, wounded by officers after car chase on Plymouth near Marlowe. Police said he was in a stolen car.

8/28/2002: SWAT team in blue panel van brandish machine guns in front of a terrified family with small children on Mack at Van Dyke. They were stopping a teenager, who was released, for having money in his hand.

8/29/2002: Detroit officers threaten to arrest woman with baby, seeking help for broken-down car on Grand River near Motor City Casino, for soliciting.

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