## **WEAR BLACK! FIGHT BACK!**

## TAKE TO THE STREETS ON OCTOBER 22, 2001

National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation

## THE FIGHT TO STOP POLICE BRUTALITY MUST GO ON!

As the authorities move to gut civil liberties and human rights and justify racial profiling, the Oct 22nd Coalition feels it is more important than ever that people from different races and backgrounds take to the streets in cities across the United States on Oct 22, 2001, the 6th annual National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation. Our hearts go out to the many people who are grieving the loss of a loved one or a friend killed when planes flew into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on Sept 11th. Because our coalition memorializes and fights for justice for the thousands who have been killed or brutalized by police and other law enforcement agents in this country, we know what it's like to have a loved one leave home in the morning and never return.

In Detroit 19 year old Talayna Carpenter was shot in the head by police while sitting in her car outside a neighborhood store on Sept 16th. The police cordoned off the site of the shooting and refused to let her be taken to the hospital for an hour! In Cincinnati, the cop who shot Timothy Thomas was just found not guilty by a judge after a trial where he faced a maximum of only 9 months in jail for stealing a young Black man's life! Some of the people arrested for protesting this murder face up to 15 years. The brutality and murder hasn't stopped. The authorities haven't stopped letting cops who

brutalize and kill go free. SO OUR RESISTANCE TO THIS OFFICIAL BRUTALITY CANNOT STOP!

In this time of grief, the authorities are attempting to manipulate us into giving them a blank check to put in place more repressive laws and policies. We must not give it to them. Racial profiling is wrong whether it's aimed at Black and Latino people on the New Jersey turnpike or Arab-Americans in airports and other places nationwide.

In the name of the so-called wars on crime and drugs, the authorities have treated our youth like criminals, guilty until proven innocent. Now in the name of the so-called war on terrorism, they want us to support them as they criminalize people because of the country they come from or the religion they practice. We must not do so.

We must continue the fight to stop police brutality, police murder and official violence. We must fight the government's efforts to use this situation to expand repressive laws and policies. We must fight their plans to criminalize even more sections of the people. The fight for justice for the victims of this official violence and murder is too important to be put aside. Join us on Oct 22, 2001.

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY, REPRESSION and the CRIMINALIZATION of a GENERATION!

## VIGIL and TRIBUNAL, Mon. Oct. 22, 2001

VIGIL – 4:00 p.m. — Frank Murphy Hall, Gratiot & St. Antoine, Detroit TRIBUNAL – 6:00 p.m. — Central United Methodist Church 23 E. Adams at Woodward, Detroit

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