

ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TYRONE WEST

AND FOR ALL VICTIMS OF POLICE BRUTALITY

ASIAN, LATIN, BLACK & WHITE WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!



On every Wednesday since the death of Mr. Tyrone West – on July 18, 2013 – family members and many more anti-racists have rallied or live-streamed, demanding that the cops, who brutally took the life of unarmed Tyrone West, be prosecuted and jailed. We won't stop. We can't stop, until killer cops are in cell blocks!

Tyrone West, age 44, was an artist. He was deeply loved by his family. His horrific murder began as a simple traffic stop, basically for driving a Mercedes while Black. Articles in various media outlets have included a number of eye-witness accounts, describing in detail the vicious beating and murder of Mr. West. He was killed by 17 vicious officers, most from Baltimore City Police Department, and some from Morgan State University. This one unarmed man – Tyrone West – was pepper sprayed, tased, and savagely beaten, repeatedly, until he died.

When cops try to appear as if they're acting within the law, but actually break whatever law is in their way, with intent to cause deadly harm, this is known as acting under color of law. If no other case meets guidelines for federal prosecution of cops – breaking laws, under color of law – this case does!

Just 17 days before the death of Tyrone West, another gentleman in Baltimore, Mr. Abdul Salaam, was also severely beaten by police, but survived. Two of the cops that were ringleaders in the attack on Tyrone West – Ruiz and Chapman – were the exact same officers who, along with a third officer named Ulmer, had beaten Mr. Salaam two-and-a-half weeks earlier. If those cops had been removed from duty and prosecuted – as they should have been – Tyrone would almost surely be alive today!

Three years later – in March of 2016 – a jury awarded Mr. Salaam \$70,000 in damages. That jury wisely found that Ruiz, Chapman and Ulmer were blameworthy and liable for brutality. However, that was a civil case, not a criminal case. Therefore, those killer cops have remained on the force, instead of being sent to jail, where they belong. In fact, they have been awarded with promotions. City State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby has very wrongly been unwilling to criminally prosecute Ruiz and Chapman – or any of the other 15 officers – for the horrendous murder of Tyrone West.

But that's not the only case. It's systemic. Over 100 people were shot by on-duty Baltimore police from 2005 to the time of Tyrone's life being stolen. None of those officers have ever been found guilty. And none were even taken to court – until the powerful rebellion demanding justice for Freddie Gray!

This murderous bigotry exists because the system needs racism to justify paying very low wages to a part of the working class. In fact, about a third of corporate profits are a direct result of using millions of Black and Latino workers as cheap labor, saving money for business owners, money that would have been paid out as wages if equality existed. This sets a low bottom line, and reduces the wage scale for the whole working class, including Black, Latin, Asian and white workers too.

We must all fight racism, boldly and together. Police brutality is used in an effort to put fear into our hearts, and to maintain a system of oppression, but we're not having it! We are committed to the fight for accountability for Tyrone West, Freddie Gray, Anthony Anderson, Trayvon Scott, George King, Mya Hall, Christopher Brown, Archie Elliot, Calvert Hazelton and the many, many other victims of police brutality and murder. Dare to struggle! Dare to win!

PUT KILLER COPS IN CELL BLOCKS

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