

# WITNESSES SPEAK

## — ON THE POLICE MURDER OF — TYRONE WEST

1. "They were hitting him with batons, they were **knocking him in his head**, they were **kicking him in his head**, they were kicking him in his back..."

2. "[One man] vividly remembers...**[one of the officers]...cocking his arm all the way back, and laying a haymaker on the man.** 'At this point, he was already definitely down, and I didn't see any movement. If the man was fighting them, they have a right to fight back, but **they're not above the law. You can't go beyond what's necessary.**'"

3. "They were just beating him. They was just hitting him, and **he kept saying, 'You got me. You got me. Stop hitting me!'** All I see is batons and stuff. They're just hitting him. He like kind of gets up in a daze, and I'm like at this point screaming at him, 'Just lay down! Whatever they're telling you to do! If it's hurting, take the pain! **But he was laying on the ground. He had his hands up, and the guy kept hitting him. His natural response was to put his hands [back] up.**'"

4. "The two **police officers were on top of the man punching him in his side...They sprayed the man directly in his face.** The man tries to get up to avoid that he can't see, but **he knew he was being abused, so he ran.** Police ran after him. **He screamed for help** because they started beating him with batons and everything."

5. "That's when **all of them piled in, beating him and kicking him**, beating him and kicking him, until the guy went out. **They could've put handcuffs on him without doing all that.**"

6. "I do not believe that the cardiac conduction system abnormality made any significant contribution to Mr. West's death. There is no evidence of cardiac disease, fainting or sickness due to any cardiac conduction system abnormality prior to his death. **The main cause of death is the fact that he was restrained in such a way that he was unable to breathe.**"

-Dr. William Manion, Independent Medical Examiner

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