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**TRUE STORIES OF  
POLICE VIOLENCE  
IN MO//KS**

Police in the US kill on average 3 people a day. Police in the US kill over 1000 people a year. Police in Kansas City killed 47 people between Jan 2005 and Sept 2015. They shot, assaulted, and harassed countless others. Beyond this they also fined many people (who have no way to pay the fines) and locked many more people in cages (jails//prisons).

Some of these people were unarmed. Some of these people held items such as baseball bats or knives. Some of these people had guns. Some people were calm and some were aggressive. Some shot at police. Some defended themselves. Some were merely in the wrong place at the wrong time.

It has been demonstrated time and time again that we cannot trust police or the press releases that local mainstream media publish without investigation. Their statements should be met with skepticism until rigorously proven true or false.

What we do know is that police escalate situations. What we do know is that police are hurting our friends and neighbors. What we do know is that police kill.

**Juan J. Jacquez, a 20-year-old Hispanic man, was shot on Mar. 27, 2005 at the 2600 block of Jackson Avenue.**

**Edward D. Washington, a 24-year-old black man, was shot on Oct. 23, 2005 at East 43rd Street and Pittman Road.**

Washington threatened people with a 3 1/2-inch folding knife at an apartment complex near East 43rd Street and Pittman Road. When an officer ordered him to drop the knife, Washington threatened the officer, police said. The officer, who did not have a stun gun, shot Washington, who died at the scene.

**Chet A. Vermillion, a 26-year-old white man, was shot on Nov. 14, 2005 at the 5600 block of Northeast 48th Street.**

Vermillion drove up to his house in the 5600 block of Northeast 48th Street. Officers conducting surveillance on a separate person approached him. Police said Vermillion fired a CO2-powered BB gun at them after they identified themselves. Two officers fired 22 shots, killing Vermillion.

**Lamonte Livingston, a 20-year-old black man, was shot on Jan. 2, 2006 at Linwood and Benton boulevards.**

**Anthony A. Champion, a 18-year-old black man, was shot on Mar. 29, 2006 at the 3000 block of E. 60th St..**

**Leland J. Graham, a 21-year-old black man, was shot on May. 31, 2006 at the 2900 block of Highland Avenue.**

**Linda Joyce Friday, a 55-year-old black woman, was shot on Feb. 12, 2007 at the 8100 block of E. 100th Terrace.**

Friday was listening to gospel music in her bedroom when two Kansas City police officers came to follow up on a 911 hang-up call. The woman's adult son let them into the house at 8105 E. 100th Terrace. Friday told the officers she did not need them and asked them to leave. One of the officers turned off the music. Police say Friday aimed a gun at them and refused several commands to put the gun down. Both officers fired, killing Friday. They said they acted in self-defense and in defense of her son.

**David W. Logsdon, a 51-year-old mentally ill white man, was shot on Apr. 29, 2007 at Ward Parkway Center.**

**Cheryl L. Creason, a 57-year-old mentally ill white woman, was shot on May. 26, 2007 at the 8100 block of North Delta Drive.**

**Wade Bentley, a 29-year-old black man, was shot on Aug. 3, 2007 at Winner Road and Hardesty Avenue.**

Kansas City police officers approached Bentley near Winner Road and Hardesty Avenue because they suspected him of selling drugs. Bentley ran. An officer tackled Bentley, who pulled a gun and shot another officer in the foot. The officers said they warned Bentley they would have to shoot him if he continued to resist. Bentley did not relent, and an officer shot and killed him. All three officers received commendations for their actions.

**Deandre T. Clay, a 21-year-old black man, was shot on Aug. 7, 2007 at 51st Street and Prospect Avenue.**

**Morris Butler, a 31-year-old black man, was shot on Aug. 22, 2007 at Downtown loop, near I-670.**

A Kansas City police detective working the bus terminal at 11th Street and Troost Avenue grew suspicious of a woman wearing a sweatshirt on a hot day. The woman agreed to be searched, and a female detective felt several hard objects under her shirt. It was later discovered to be bundles of cocaine. The woman told police she was traveling with her boyfriend, Butler. As officers tried to arrest him, he ran. Under an overpass, police said, Butler turned and challenged officers. They ordered him to surrender and he replied, "You ... are going to have to kill me." Police said that as a detective tried to put Butler down on the ground, he made a grab for the officer's gun. During the struggle the detective fired, striking Butler several times. He died a few weeks later in a hospital.

**Robert L. Wilson, a 56-year-old black man, was shot on Jan. 19, 2008 at the 1000 block of E. Ninth Street.**

A resident at an apartment building in the 1000 block of East Ninth Street told police Wilson had been acting strangely for days and was carrying a machete. Police said they knocked on his door and identified themselves. Police said Wilson opened the door holding a machete and they ordered him to drop it, but he lunged at them. The officers fired at Wilson and he collapsed.

**Terry Davis, a 26-year-old black man, was shot on May. 8, 2008 at the 2600 block of Norton Avenue.**

Police were involved in a high-speed chase when Davis bailed out of the truck they were pursuing in the 2600 block of Norton Avenue. Officer Robert Vivona said he shot Davis in the chest after Davis, during a foot chase, turned around and threatened him with a gun. Vivona was decorated for his actions. A Jackson County civil jury rejected a wrongful death lawsuit that contended Davis had his hands in the air and was surrendering when shot.

**Rodney A. Jones, a 44-year-old white man, was shot on May. 9, 2008 at the 10300 block of E. 43rd Street.**

Police were called to a home in the 10300 block of East 43rd Street on a report of an intoxicated man causing a disturbance. Police said Jones confronted an officer at the front door while carrying a large handgun with a scope and pointed it at the officer. The officer shot and killed Jones. A neighbor said Jones was strapped with medical and other expenses.

**Reginald McGee, a 55-year-old black man, was shot on Jul. 8, 2008 at Oldham and Hillcrest roads.**

**Marvin E. Parker, a 54-year-old black man, was shot on Sep. 7, 2008 at 40th and Charlotte streets.**

Police were called to 40th and Charlotte streets where Parker was yelling in the street and swinging a sword. Parker ran half a block to his mother's porch. Police said as two officers attempted to restrain Parker, he pulled the

sword from its sheath and grabbed for one officer's gun. The officers fired 12 times at Parker as he swung the sword at them. He was pronounced dead at the scene. A relative said Parker suffered from mental illness. A community garden was named after Parker in the Hyde Park neighborhood.

**Ryan R. Spears, a 22-year-old mentally ill black man, was shot on Feb. 14, 2009 at 75th Street and Wayne Avenue.**

**Dennis Watson, a 55-year-old black man, was shot on Mar. 16, 2009 at 9th and Olive streets.**

Watson was suspected of robbing a bank on Independence Boulevard. Officers saw a man matching the description of the robber fleeing on foot. A helicopter crew said he kept putting his hands in his waistband as officers confronted him. Police said Watson threatened to kill the officers. Two officers fired 12 shots. Watson died in a parking lot at Ninth and Olive streets. He did not have a gun.

**Fritz M. LeAndre, a 19-year-old black man, was shot on Mar. 26, 2009 at 31st and Charlotte streets.**

**Alfran Gant, a 26-year-old black man, was shot on Jun. 13, 2009 at 37th Street and Jackson Avenue.**

Gant was a passenger in a stolen vehicle involved in a car chase after police heard gunfire near 39th Street and Cleveland Avenue. The vehicle crashed into a light pole at 37th Street and Jackson Avenue. When police looked

inside, Gant was holding a handgun near his head. Police said the officers repeatedly told him to drop the gun, but Gant pointed it at them. Four officers fired, killing him. The gun was empty.

**Exae Chavez-Gutierrez, a 36-year-old Hispanic man, was shot on Sep. 6, 2009 at 113th Street and Sycamore Terrace.**

**Anthony D. Clemons, a 18-year-old black man, was shot on Feb. 11, 2010 at 10th Street and Parallel Parkway.**

**Blake Bowman, a 18-year-old black man, was shot on Feb. 18, 2010 at the 10900 block East 51st Street.**

Police say Bowman was a suspect in an armed carjacking at a convenience store on Blue Ridge Boulevard. Officers spotted him, but he ran into a house he shared with his mother in the 10900 block of East 51st Street. Police said Bowman pulled his mother inside with him. One officer thought Bowman had a gun in his waistband. Tactical officers surrounded the house. Negotiations began. About 90 minutes later, a police spokesman said, Bowman emerged from the back door holding a knife to his mother's throat. Several officers said they saw a knife. Police said he was acting aggressively and refused commands to drop the knife. Fearing for the woman's safety, a police sniper fired one shot and Bowman fell back into the house. Bowman's mother, Martha Suber, disputes those details. She said her son did not have a weapon and police "shot him down like a dog."

**Jessica D. Jones, a 19-year-old white woman, was shot on Feb. 23, 2010 at 31st and Terrace streets.**

Police began a vehicle chase when Jones almost hit them on the road and they determined she was a danger to public safety. The pursuit continued on Interstates 70 and 35 before she exited and ended up at a dead-end at 31st and Terrace streets, where police blocked her and got out of their vehicles. Police said Jones began driving the stolen Kia SUV toward them. Four officers shot 14 times.

**Mahir S. Al-Hakim, a 29-year-old black man, was shot on Mar. 18, 2010 at NW Gateway Drive and NW Vivion Road.**

**Kenny Wayne Gurley, a 40-year-old white man, was shot on Dec. 29, 2010 at the 7800 block of E. 111th Terrace.**

A neighbor saw two men kicking their way inside a vacant house in the 7800 block of East 111th Terrace and called police. Police said Gurley was holding two metal poles. Police said an officer told him to drop them, but he charged with a “crazed” look. One officer fired, killing Gurley. A wrongful death lawsuit filed by Gurley’s mother is pending in federal court. It says Gurley and a cousin were inside the house because Gurley was interested in buying it. The suit acknowledges that Gurley had a history of using meth, “which caused him to become paranoid, delusional and sometimes unpredictable.” The suit says Gurley was holding a “clothing rod” and a piece of pipe when he emerged from the back of the house and

that officer Shawn Todd raised his handgun and pointed it at Gurley. The suit says the cousin told Todd that Gurley had “a condition” and that Todd then holstered his gun and punched Gurley in the jaw. The suit says officer David Epperson then arrived from the front of the house and shot Gurley twice without making any verbal commands. The suit contends Gurley did not pose a threat to the officers, who used an “improper escalation of force.”

**Marcus A. Robinson, a 27-year-old black man, was shot on Jan. 5, 2011 at the 7100 block of Agnes Avenue.**

**Rodney A. Russell, Jr., a 29-year-old black man, was shot on Feb. 19, 2011 at the 8600 block of Newton Avenue.**

Police were called to an apartment in the 8600 block of Newton Avenue on a disturbance. Police said Russell tried to shut the door on them, but one officer extended his foot to keep the door from closing. Police said Russell pulled a knife from his clothing and threatened the officers. Police said the officer repeatedly ordered him to drop the knife, but Russell ignored them. The officer fired four times, killing Russell.

**Jessica Zeto, a 34-year-old white woman, was shot on Jul. 11, 2011 at the 5800 block of Manchester Avenue.**

**Courtney Edwards, a 27-year-old black man, was shot on Aug. 6, 2011 at the 10200 block of Drury Avenue.**

**Jerry Petty, a 64-year-old black man, was shot on Nov. 24, 2011 at the 6600 block of Bellefontaine Avenue.**

**Raymond A. Smith, a 22-year-old black man, was shot on May. 26, 2012 at Independence Boulevard and Brooklyn Avenue.**

Police responded to a report of prostitution. When they pulled up, Smith ran. Police said Smith had a gun and ignored orders to stop. Police said Smith fired at an officer behind a funeral home at Independence Boulevard and Brooklyn Avenue. Two officers fired back, killing Smith.

A wrongful death lawsuit filed by Smith's mother is pending in federal court. The suit acknowledges that Smith initially ran when police approached but says he did not have a gun in his hand and was standing with both hands at his side when an officer first shot him. The suit says police continued to shoot "as he laid on the ground, helpless and dying" and implies police planted a gun next to Smith's body.

**Danny L. Walsh, a suicidal 58-year-old white man, was shot on Jul. 22, 2012 at 114th Terrace and Wornall Road.**

**Todd S. Weber, a 38-year-old white man, was shot on Jan. 15, 2013 at I-435 and Front St.**

**Waylen J. Wealot, a 21-year-old white man, was shot on Mar. 29, 2013 at the 4000 block of E. 11th Street.**

Wealot was in a dispute with a group of others, and it erupted into violence in his yard in the 4000 block of East 11th Street. Wealot was outside his home with his girlfriend and his brother when a van containing a group

of his antagonists drove onto the sidewalk, threatening Wealot's brother. Wealot fired shots at the van as police arrived. Police said the officers ordered Wealot to stop shooting and, when he did not comply, they shot him. Wealot's mother contends he threw the gun to the ground before the officers fired.

**Tyler W. Wilkins, a 16-year-old white man, was shot on Jun. 3, 2013 at Smart and Wheeling avenues.**

**Ryan Stokes, a 24-year-old black man, was shot on Jul. 28, 2013 at 12th and McGee streets.**

Police responded to a disturbance near the Power & Light District and used pepper spray to scatter a crowd arguing about an allegedly stolen cellphone. Stoke's was shot in the back as he was headed away from officers. The officer who killed him was given a commendation.

**Michael R. Bitters, a 44-year-old white man, was shot on Aug. 8, 2013 at NE Parvin Road and Corrington Avenue.**

Police responded to a reported sighting of Bitters, who had a warrant for a parole violation, near Northeast Parvin Road just west of Interstate 435. Police said Bitters resisted arrest and abruptly pulled his hand from the waistband of the pajama pants he was wearing. Four officers fired shots at Bitters, killing him. He did not have a gun.

**Anthony Bruno, a 26-year-old white man, was shot on Dec. 1, 2013 at the 1200 block of Baltimore Avenue.**

A uniformed officer working off-duty for a downtown hotel responded to a reported assault on a taxi driver. The driver told police that Bruno, a Kansas City firefighter who had been celebrating his recent wedding, had struck him in a dispute over the fare. Police said the off-duty officer, Donald Hubbard, tried to detain Bruno at 12th Street and Baltimore Avenue. Police said Bruno resisted and assaulted the officer, pinning him to the ground and striking him about the head and face. Hubbard fired his gun, striking Bruno twice in the chest. Bruno was unarmed and intoxicated. Officers would later spend time *on the clock* tearing down memorial ribbons for Tony Bruno. Bruno's murder was captured on video.

**Isaac Sims, a 26-year-old mentally ill white man (Iraq war veteran), was shot on May. 25, 2014 at the 2300 block of Lawndale Avenue.**

Sims, an Army veteran with two tours in Iraq, picked up a rifle and began firing shots inside and outside his family's home in the 2300 block of Lawndale Avenue. Police said a standoff lasted five hours before Sims emerged and pointed his weapon at police. He died of multiple gunshot wounds. Sims' family said he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder and was on a waiting list for bed space at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The officers were both white men, one with 12 years and 11 months on the force and another with 12 years and eight months.

**Eugene Turner III, a 28-year-old black man, was shot on Aug. 31, 2014 at Sixth Street and Myrtle Avenue.**

**Ymauo Erwin, a 28-year-old micronesian man, was shot on Oct. 8, 2014 at the 4200 block of NW 57th Terrace.**

Police responded to a reported disturbance at a house in the 4200 block of Northwest 57th Terrace. Police encountered Erwin in the rear of the house with a “sword-like object.” Police said Erwin became confrontational and ignored their commands. Police said he was threatening an officer when he was shot. He died at the scene.

**Shannon P. Bryant, a suicidal 40-year-old white man, was shot on Oct. 11, 2014 at the 500 block of NE Greenfield Road.**

**Andres Lara-Rodriguez, a 21-year-old Hispanic man, was shot on Feb. 13, 2015 at 12th Street & Ruby Avenue, KCK.**

**Javon M. Hawkins, a 21-year-old black man, was shot on Jul. 9, 2015 at Blenheim Park, Gregory Boulevard and The Paseo.**

**Scene:** Hawkins was walking through Blenheim Park on Gregory Boulevard just west of the Paseo armed with a sword and swinging it at people and passing cars. Police said an officer confronted him and ordered him to drop the sword. Police said the officer felt threatened and shot Hawkins in the torso. He died later at a hospital.

**Tyrone Holman, a 37-year-old mentally ill black man, was shot on Sep. 9, 2015 at the 4400 block of Monroe Avenue..**

We know that historically speaking police originate from two sources: Slave Patrols & anti-union activity.

We know that police primarily exist to protect private property (Making sure empty houses stay vacant while folks are homeless & making sure grocery stores let food rot while folks starve), enforce systems of oppression (Classism, white-supremacy, ableism, queer phobia, patriarchy), shut down political dissent (cointelpro, protest police) & to generate revenue (tickets, court costs & prisoners).

We know that most crime falls into a few reasons that cops & prisons don't solve. These origins for crime being: poverty, mental illness, drug addiction, crimes that effect only the person who commits them, crimes based on something that should not have been a crime in the first place & self-defense. We know that police usually show up after the murder & we know that police almost never help in the instance of rape often terrorizing victims.

We know that police *can* kill anyone but we also know that they most often kill people who are not white, people who are disabled, & people who are poor and/or homeless.

# REST IN PEACE

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