

STOP KILLER COPS!

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In 1973, a high ranking official of the police department confirmed to a NY TIMES reporter that during the previous 15 months, of the 102 persons shot and killed by police officers, 61 were Black, 27 Hispanic, and 14 were white. All the fatal shootings took place in NYC, six were of Black youth. The reports of how the deaths occurred came from individual policemen involved, and that there was no public trial to reveal all of the circumstances of the slayings, except in the case of Thomas Shea, who was acquitted. The following is just a small part of the long list of police murders of Black and other Third World people from 1972-1979:

- * August 15, 1972. 11 year old Ricky Bodden shot in the back and killed by cop Francis Ortolano in Staten Island. He fired three shots in a car chase when he "thought" one of the kids in the car he was chasing crouched, "as if" he had a weapon. No criminal charges were pressed. He was convicted in 1973 of departmental charges for recklessly discharging his revolver. He received minor administrative punishment.
- * January 28, 1973. 16 year old Rita Lloyd shot and killed by cop Robert Milano in Brooklyn. She was standing with a friend, who the cop said pointed a shotgun at him, and he gunned down Rita Lloyd. Milano was never punished. Rita Lloyd's mother sued the city for \$1.5 million, with no result.
- * February 3, 1973. 23 year old Carl Mc Cullough shot and killed in a Harlem hallway by cop Charles Licata. He was murdered with two blasts from a shotgun. Cops were carrying "extra" weapons allegedly because of fears of the Black Liberation Army. Departmental charges were filed against Licata for carrying an unauthorized weapon.
- * April 28, 1973. 10 year old Clifford Clover shot in the back and killed by cop Thomas Shea in South Jamaica, Queens. Accompanying his father to work, they were stopped in an alleyway as robbery suspects. Shea claimed that Clifford aimed a gun at him and Shea fired three times. No gun was ever found. Shea was brought to a criminal trial on murder charges and acquitted. He was convicted in a departmental trial for using his gun improperly and removed from the force.
- * August 8, 1974. 27 year old James Tate shot and killed by cop Vincent Larkin in South Jamaica, Queens. Tate was allegedly involved in the theft of a school bus. A struggle ensued after Larkin drew his gun, and he shot James Tate in the chest.
- * September 15, 1974. 14 year old Claude Reese shot in the head and killed by cop Frank Bosco. Cops burst into a Brooklyn basement "looking for robbers", while Claude and his friends were fixing the basement for a friend's birthday party. Bosco claimed that he thought the handsaw that Claude was carrying was a gun and shot him. Bosco was stripped of his gun and duties, although he continued on the force.

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- * June 14, 1975. 25 year old Israel Rodriguez was murdered by cop Thomas Ryan and three other cops. He was brutally beaten in his Queens home, and again in a Queens police station. He died hours later in the hospital. Ryan was the only cop to be convicted of a murder while on duty. But once again he remained unpunished, because he was allowed to quietly jump bail and disappear before his sentencing on February 23, 1979.
 - * Thanksgiving Day, 1976. 15 year old Randolph Evans shot and killed by cop Robert Torsney. Torsney claims he had an attack of the rarest form of epilepsy known to medical history, which he had never had before or since. During his "attack" he shot Evans. An all white jury acquitted Torsney, and he is currently in a mental institution awaiting his release and his police pension.
 - * April 2, 1978. Two former Attica Brothers, 26 year old Dalou Asahi shot dead and 36 year old Jomo Joka Omawale shot in leg and beaten almost to death, in connection with the shooting of two cops in Bedford-Stuyvesant. The cops who almost killed Jomo, James Dennedy and Paul Curicina, have been praised for their actions.
 - * June, 1978. Black community leader Arthur Miller choked to death by 20 cops in Crown Heights. Arthur Miller was going out in the street to see why the police were arresting his younger brother for a traffic violation, and the cops pounced on him, choking him to death. A grand jury refused to indict any of the cops.
 - * November 17, 1978. 30 year old Marian Johnson was shot four times and killed by cop Anthony Chirchirillo, in Bedford-Stuyvesant, because she was alleged to have pulled a knife on the cop. The reality is that she was brutally murdered.
 - * February 23, 1979. 40 year old Manuel Martinez and 25 year old Domingo Morales were shot and critically wounded by cop Kevin Durkin, in a Bronx bar, after they had "an argument about police". The hypocritical and racist Patrolman's Benevolent Association argued against holding the racist trigger happy Durkin without bail or for psychiatric observation at Bellvue, and instead argued for no bail, only later posting \$10,000 cash when the judge turned down the request for no bail.