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Gunshots, tear gas in Missouri town where police shot teen

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Police Chief: Michael Brown was 'unarmed'

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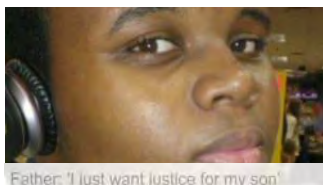
Ferguson, Missouri (CNN) -- Hours after federal civil rights investigators and the FBI opened an inquiry into the death of a teenager shot by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri, violence flared again in the St. Louis suburb.

Police Chief Thomas Jackson told CNN shots were fired Monday night in Ferguson, and police fired tear gas to disperse a crowd that had gathered in an area where looting occurred Sunday.

"Officers were brought in to quell the hostilities," he said. "Tear gas was deployed."

The Saturday-night shooting, which left 18-year-old Michael Brown dead, has fueled rising tensions in the town of 21,000 and sparked national debate.

One side says the African-American teenager was surrendering, his hands in the air to show he was unarmed, when the officer opened fire. Authorities counter that Brown had attacked the officer in his car and tried to take his gun.



Father: 'I just want justice for my son'

After a vigil for the teen devolved into chaos Sunday when violence and looting broke out among some protesters, NAACP President Cornell William Brooks called Monday for people protesting Brown's death to do so nonviolently.

"We have seen young people giving in to violence and frustration and rage. It may be inexcusable. It is not unexpected," Brooks told reporters. "But I say to my young brothers and sisters, note the young man whose rage is your heart, note that he was nonviolent. He never got into a fight. If you want to honor his memory, honor his memory by seeking justice nonviolently."

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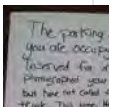
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Witnesses to Brown's shooting say he was unarmed and had his hands in the air when the police officer shot him.

Authorities tell a different story. St. Louis County Police Chief Jon Belmar says the officer tried to get out of his vehicle just before the shooting, but Brown pushed him back into his car.



Brown "physically assaulted" the officer, Belmar said, and the teen tried to get the officer's weapon.

Brown was shot about 35 feet from the vehicle, the chief said, declining to provide more details. The officer's name has not been released by authorities.



"The genesis of this was a physical confrontation," Belmar said, adding that his department has been called in to conduct an independent investigation.

The Ferguson Police Department said its cars are not equipped with dashboard cameras.



Shell casings collected at the scene were from the officer's weapon, Belmar said.

Monday, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder said the shooting "deserves a fulsome review" by federal investigators.

"At every step, we will work with the local investigators, who should be prepared to complete a thorough, fair investigation in their own right. I will continue to receive regular updates on this matter in the coming days," Holder said in a statement. "Aggressively pursuing investigations such as this is critical for preserving trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve."

Mother: 'No violence, just justice'

The lawyer representing Brown's parents called Monday for a swift investigation.

"We want this investigation to be done fairly, and we make a demand to the Justice Department to come in and help restore trust and confidence in the process of equal justice. ... This family is very distrustful. This community is very distrustful," attorney Benjamin Crump told reporters, calling for witnesses to come forward.

Brown's parents urged people to remain calm.

"No violence, just justice," the teen's mother, Lesley McSpadden, told reporters.

McSpadden said her son recently graduated from high school and was supposed to start college Monday.

"We can't even celebrate," she said. "We've got to plan a funeral."

Standing beside the teen's family, Brooks said the NAACP is committed to determining what happened.

"We are committed to this family, committed to seeking justice, committed to being a presence, day-in and day-out," he told reporters.

Mayor calls for calm

"Obviously, the events of last night are not indicative of who we are," Ferguson Mayor James Knowles said on CNN on Monday morning,



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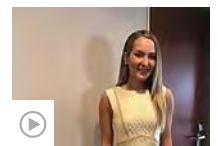


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adding that Sunday night's chaos was "not constructive" and was only "bringing down the community."

St. Louis County Police said 32 people were arrested and shots were fired at police.

Monday, St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Robert McCulloch said charges had been filed against about 10 people in connection with burglaries of several businesses.

"What occurred last night, the mob action, we know certainly is not representative of what's going on and what the people in the neighborhood necessarily think," he said.

Flanked by several from the community Sunday, McSpadden was [McSpadden was emotional as she shouted](#) into a television reporter's microphone.

"You took my son away from me! You know how hard it was for me to get him to stay in school and graduate? You know how many black men graduate? Not many!" she said. "Because you bring them down to this type of level where they feel they don't got nothing to live for anyway! (They feel) they gonna try to take me out anyway!"

Others who gathered shouted at police.

"We will stay out here as long as you are!" they screamed at officers.

Many of the officers appeared stoic, watching young men kneel before them and raise their hands up to symbolize surrender, but one officer can be heard on video yelling back, calling protesters "animals."

Some in Ferguson are demanding that the name of the officer who shot the teenager be released.

Monday afternoon, Jackson -- the police chief -- said he plans to release the name in the next 24 hours. Authorities want to make sure the officer is in a safe location, he said.

'Lost control'

"Last night, everything lost control," Knowles said Monday.

He was asked about the officer who called protesters "animals."

"The officers did their best. They're only human," Knowles responded, adding that not every police officer present was from the Ferguson department.

Sunday's gathering became more intense as some people broke windows at a store and began taking things from it. They threw rocks and bottles. Gunshots rang out.

Antonio French, an alderman in St. Louis, said a QuikTrip gas station was looted and an ATM dragged out.

"This QuikTrip is where things started (Saturday) with this case, based on various accounts," French said.

The slain teenager and a friend were "accused of stealing gum from the store or some sort of cigarettes," the alderman said.

"People have a lot of anger and are frustrated," French said. "They don't have recourse in the system, and it happens often in this country, and it has boiled over. I think people are angry and looking for a reason to let it out tonight."

Knowles said he wants to let the independent investigation into



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Brown's death take its course. He plans to meet with Brown's parents soon and will meet with clergy in Ferguson and African-American leadership in the town.

Whatever the investigation's findings, "we will deal with that," he said.

Multiple gunshots

An autopsy will determine how many times Brown was shot. The medical examiner for St. Louis County, Mary Case, said Monday afternoon the autopsy is complete, but she would not give details and said St. Louis County police will release the information.

Toxicology results on Brown's body are pending.

On the number of times Brown might have been shot, Belmar has said, "It was more than just a couple."

"We don't know what happened, and there are lots of conflicting stories," Knowles said. "Unfortunately, there will have to be some time taken to understand what happened. Hopefully, we will get to an understanding, and justice will be served."

The officer who shot Brown is on paid administrative leave during the investigation and will be available to talk to county homicide detectives.

He has been with the force for six years and will be required to undergo two psychological evaluations before returning to duty, Belmar said.

Crump, who also handled the case of Trayvon Martin in Florida, said Monday that Brown's family is "devastated" and doesn't believe that the teenager got into a physical confrontation with police.

Martin, 17, was killed in 2012 by a Florida neighborhood watch organizer who was acquitted last year of murder charges.

The high-profile case sparked a heated nationwide discussion of race as well as debate over Florida's "stand your ground" law.

Monday, Crump said Brown's shooting once again highlights "the senseless death of a young boy of color at the hands of people who are supposed to protect and serve them."

"Their son was doing all the right things," Crump said. "Graduating from high school, never been in trouble. And for this to happen, for him to be killed in broad daylight ... they want answers just like everybody else in the community."

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Ferguson burning after grand jury announcement

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FERGUSON, Mo. -- A white police officer will not face charges for fatally shooting an unarmed black teenager in a case that set off violent protests and racial unrest throughout the nation.

A St. Louis County grand jury declined to indict officer Darren Wilson, 28, for firing six shots in an August confrontation that killed 18-year-old Michael Brown, St. Louis County prosecutor Robert McCulloch said Monday night.

Crowds of protesters filled streets near the Ferguson police station following the announcement. A police car and stores were set on fire, other stores were looted, gunfire was heard and bricks were hurled. Police said they had been fired on and responded with smoke bombs and pepper spray before using tear gas.

Police later said they came under heavy automatic weapon fire, and some buildings were left to burn because of the danger. County police said an officer suffered a gunshot wound, but it was unclear if it was because of the protest violence.

Protests sprang up in cities from New York to Los Angeles and remained mostly peaceful. At least half a dozen commercial airline flights into St. Louis were diverted out of concerns about the unrest.

The Federal Aviation Administration at 11:15 p.m. ET said it had restricted flights into and out of Lambert International Airport in St. Louis to "provide a safe environment for law enforcement activities." The restriction lifts at 5:15 a.m. ET.

The grand jury's decision had been long awaited and followed earlier Ferguson rioting that resembled war-zone news footage in this predominantly black suburb of St. Louis.

PROTESTS: [Demonstrators hit streets across nation \(/story/news/nation/2014/11/24/ferguson-protests-michael-brown/70067388/\)](http://story/news/nation/2014/11/24/ferguson-protests-michael-brown/70067388/)

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In Washington, President Obama appeared before TV cameras. "We need to accept that this decision was the grand jury's to make," he said in calling for peaceful protests. But [Obama said the Ferguson case "speaks to broader challenges \(/story/news/nation/2014/11/24/obama-ferguson-comments-michael-brown-darren-wilson/70064372/\)](http://story/news/nation/2014/11/24/obama-ferguson-comments-michael-brown-darren-wilson/70064372/) that we still face as a nation."

Prosecutor McCulloch made the announcement in an unusual nighttime presentation in a courtroom. He spoke at length about media coverage of the case and what he called the unreliability of eyewitness accounts. He said the grand jury weighed evidence and testimony before concluding there was no probable cause to indict the officer.

"The duty of the grand jury is to separate fact from fiction," McCulloch said.

He said prosecuting attorneys presented five potential indictments to the grand jury, and all were rejected.

"The jury was not inclined to indict on any charges," Benjamin Crump, an attorney for Brown's family, said after being informed of the decision by authorities.

In grand jury testimony released by prosecutors Monday night, Wilson, the officer, described the confrontation and said that Brown refused his instructions to stop walking in the street. He said Brown cursed him, then slammed the officer's car door shut as he was trying to exit his vehicle.

He said Brown appeared to be trying "almost like to intimidate or overpower me." They scuffled and Brown hit the officer, Wilson testified.

"When I grabbed him, the only way I can describe it is I felt like a five-year-old holding Hulk Hogan," Wilson said.

He had no Taser weapon and felt his mace spray would not work, Wilson said: "So the only other option I thought I had was my gun." He drew it, he said, and told Brown to "get back or I'm going to shoot you." He said Brown grabbed the gun with his right hand and twisted it, pushing it down into Wilson's hip, before the officer fired.

Brown's family attorneys received a call from McCulloch shortly before the announcement that there would be no charges against the officer. Crump took the call and delivered the news to Brown's family in an area hotel.

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Lesley McSpadden, Brown's mother, cried and shouted when Crump told her there was no indictment and that the prosecutor was willing to meet with the family.

McSpadden began crying and shouting. Her body vibrated with pain as she jumped to her feet.

"I do want to meet with him right now," McSpadden screamed. "What do you mean no indictment?!"

She then ran out of a hotel room followed by family members.

Brown's family later released a statement saying, "We are profoundly disappointed that the killer of our child will not face the consequence of his actions." They urged others who share their pain to "channel your frustration in ways that will make a positive change."

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon, a Democrat, called for calm after calling up National Guard troops to stand by in case of unrest. Speaking before the decision was announced, he urged that "regardless of the decision, people on all sides show tolerance, mutual respect and restraint."

Crowds gathered around the Ferguson police headquarters in anticipation of the announcement at the courthouse in Clayton, Mo., another St. Louis suburb.

The 12-person grand jury had been considering whether probable cause existed to bring charges against Wilson, 28, the white officer who fatally shot Brown, an 18-year-old black man, after their Aug. 9 confrontation. The shooting inflamed tensions in a largely minority community that is patrolled by an overwhelmingly white police force.

Brown's lifeless and bleeding body lay for more than four hours in a Ferguson residential street after the shooting, prompting dismay and anger as a crowd gathered. Protests turned into rioting and looting the following night, and police responded with armored vehicles and tear gas, triggering a nationwide debate over police tactics.

The grand jury, including nine whites and three African Americans, had been meeting in secret for months, hearing evidence and weighing whether Wilson's should face charges that could have ranged from involuntary manslaughter to murder.

Brown's family joined thousands of protesters to demand Wilson's arrest in the weeks after the death of their son. As anger at official inaction grew following Brown's death, protesters clashed with police, who began patrolling the streets with military-grade weapons and armored vehicles.

Wilson has been on paid leave and largely invisible since the shooting.

While the grand jury met in secret to hear evidence in the case, two starkly different versions of the events leading to the shooting emerged in media accounts.

Police have said a scuffle broke out after Wilson asked Brown and a friend to move out of the street. Wilson told investigators he shot Brown only after the teenager reached for the officer's gun. Some witnesses said Brown had run away from Wilson, then turned and raised his hands in the air in a gesture of surrender before he was shot in the head and chest.



Paul Morris (center front) boards up his store in Ferguson on Nov. 24. (Photo: Nick Oza, USA TODAY)

The unusual timing of the grand jury's announcement, after darkness had fallen, was a decision of prosecutors, Nixon said.

St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay acknowledged the case "has deeply divided us" but said "turning violent or damaging property will not be tolerated."

"The world will be watching us," Slay said.

The death of Brown touched off weeks of protests, and the decision by the grand jury on whether to bring charges prompted extraordinary precautions by law enforcement and the community. The Ferguson school district canceled Tuesday classes.



Police officers secure an area in front of the Buzz Westfall Justice Center in Clayton, Mo. (Photo: Jewel Samad, AFP/Getty Images)

What we know today about Ferguson

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Wilson could still face civil rights charges brought by the Justice Department or a civil wrongful death lawsuit filed by Brown's parents.

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Ferguson reacts to grand jury decision

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Security in Ferguson Is Tightened After Night of Unrest

By MONICA DAVEY and MANNY FERNANDEZ NOV. 25, 2014

FERGUSON, Mo. — Gov. Jay Nixon of Missouri said on Tuesday that he would increase the number of National Guard troops in this suburban St. Louis city and broadly expand their role in keeping the peace, after a night of arson, looting and rampaging demonstrators showed that weeks of preparation for a grand jury decision in the fatal shooting of Michael Brown had failed to prevent violence.

In Washington, St. Louis and Ferguson itself, an array of public officials, community leaders and clergy were deeply critical of one another as they sought to explain how protests over the grand jury's decision not to indict the white police officer in the shooting had spun further out of control than the unrest that followed the death in August of Mr. Brown, who was black.

“What they’ve gone through is unacceptable,” Mr. Nixon said, appearing frustrated at a news conference in St. Louis as business owners along two commercial strips in Ferguson began sweeping up broken glass

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main thoroughfare not far from where the shooting took place, was still smoky on Tuesday and cordoned off by police.

“No one should have to live like this,” Mr. Nixon said. “No one deserves this.”

On Tuesday night, West Florissant remained closed to the public. Outside the Ferguson Police Department along another stretch of road, officers in riot gear were backed by a line of National Guard members who stood behind new, concrete barricades.

A few blocks away, demonstrators tried to set fire to a police car parked outside City Hall, but officers swarmed the street, set off clouds of tear gas and tried to clear the area — a far stronger show of force than had come a day earlier. Some arrests were made, and members of the Guard appeared to be assisting the police in taking people into custody.

Officials were unwilling to provide details about the number of troops when Mr. Nixon first called up the Missouri National Guard last week in advance of the grand jury announcement, but it was clear that he wished to send a precise and powerful message on Tuesday. More than 2,200 members of the Guard, he said, had been called for possible duty, and 1,200 were in and around the St. Louis region on Tuesday evening, protecting homes and businesses. A night earlier, 700 members of the Guard had been largely limited to protecting government buildings, including a police command post.

President Obama opened a speech in Chicago by talking about Ferguson, saying that he had ordered Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr. to undertake a major review of policing practices in the United States,

highlighting specific steps to “make sure that law enforcement is fair and is being applied equally to every person in this country.”

But the president, even as he acknowledged that many people felt anger and frustration that Officer Darren Wilson was not indicted, condemned the rioting and looting that followed.

“To those who think that what happened in Ferguson is an excuse for violence, I do not have any sympathy for that,” Mr. Obama said. For those working to make change, he added, “I want to work with you and I want to move forward with you.”

Officer Wilson, who has not appeared in public since the shooting, said Tuesday in his first interview that he had a “clean conscience” about what happened because “I know that I did my job right.” In the interview, with George Stephanopoulos of ABC News, Officer Wilson said he would not have done anything differently. Asked whether he would have handled the situation the same if Mr. Brown were white, he said yes.

In describing the initial confrontation, the officer said Mr. Brown had punched him. What followed, the officer said, was “a barrage of swinging and grabbing and pulling for about 10 seconds.” He said he was instantly aware of the size of Mr. Brown, who was about 6-foot-4. “I felt the immense power that he had,” said Officer Wilson, who said in his grand jury testimony that he is nearly 6-foot-4.

In dozens of rallies across the country on Tuesday, including in Boston, Baltimore, Washington and New York, protesters blocked streets and railed against the decision not to indict Officer Wilson. In downtown Los Angeles on Tuesday evening, protesters blocked traffic in both directions of Highway 101. The police in Portland, Ore., used pepper spray and made several arrests. In Chicago, about 100 protesters, most in their

20s, gathered for a 28-hour sit-in outside Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office. Organizers said they had chosen the time frame based on a study that one black person was killed in the United States by the police or armed vigilantes every 28 hours.

In Pittsburgh, marchers carried signs reading, "Disarm the police" and "Stop racist terror," while in Atlanta, Morehouse College students walked from the campus to a rally outside CNN headquarters. In Minneapolis, a rally was disrupted when a car hit several protesters.

In St. Louis, organizers of the Thanksgiving Day parade said they would postpone the event, because of concerns about potential unrest.

The violence in Ferguson on Monday came despite more than three months of preparations by some activists and law enforcement authorities who had hoped that demonstrations could be kept peaceful even if the grand jury chose not to indict Officer Wilson. But nearly all of those plans fell short, one by one. On all sides, there were complaints and blame.

"They didn't act on what they put into place — they being the protesters, they being police, they being people that were on the front line," said Carlton Lee, the president in Ferguson of the Rev. Al Sharpton's National Action Network.

Some said that the police, who had responded with too much military-style force in August, seemed on Monday night to be very restrained, even as stores were looted and fires were set. And protest leaders, who had pledged that they would carry out militant but nonviolent shows of anger, appeared unable to rein in those with more violent ideas.

“People who try to stop these things are heroes, in my mind,” Mr. Holder said in remarks to reporters. “I was disappointed that some members of the community resorted to violence.”

Many here, including some political leaders, questioned the decision by Robert P. McCulloch, the St. Louis County prosecutor, to announce the grand jury’s finding in a lengthy news conference on Monday night — rather than waiting for sunrise — and to forgo giving a 24-hour notice that the Brown family had hoped to receive.

“There is no good time,” said Ed Magee, a spokesman for the prosecutor’s office, defending the release of the grand jury’s decision at close to 8:30 p.m. Central time, when the streets of St. Louis were dark and demonstrators had already massed in front of the Ferguson Police Department. He called criticism of the timing “obviously not fair,” and added, “There’s no guarantee that things were going to be good no matter when you did it.”

Mr. McCulloch, alone, decided the timing of the announcement, and did not notify in advance some state officials, such as Mr. Nixon, that the grand jury had come to a decision, Mr. Magee said. “We haven’t had any contact with the governor’s office,” he said.

Mixed signals came from Mr. Brown’s family on Monday. Early in the evening, it issued a statement calling for a peaceful reaction to the grand jury’s decision. But later that night, as the decision was announced, Mr. Brown’s stepfather, Louis Head, grew emotional outside the Ferguson police station, yelling, “Burn this bitch down!”

Benjamin Crump, a lawyer for the Brown family, said in a news conference that he condemned “violence and looting from last night, but we also condemn violent acts that killed Michael Brown.” Asked whether

the family would pursue a lawsuit, Mr. Crump has said he was considering all options.

Residents and business owners along the streets in Ferguson expressed frustration and fear at what occurred on Monday night. For weeks, the authorities here had worked to assure them that the region would be ready for whatever was ahead.

“They abandoned us completely,” said Rob Chabot, the owner of Mobile Eye Care Solutions, along South Florissant Road, where episodes of violence flared on Monday. “They sacrificed Ferguson. For what cause? I don’t know.”

In a news conference here, James Knowles III, the mayor of Ferguson, was also critical of the state’s response. “Unfortunately, as the unrest grew and further assistance was needed, the National Guard was not deployed in enough time to save all of our businesses,” he said.

By Tuesday afternoon, the police reported that there had been 21 fires in and around Ferguson, at least 150 gunshots and damage to 10 police cruisers. At times, officials said, firefighters had to retreat from battling fires because of gunfire and objects being thrown all around.

Just as law enforcement officials were criticized for being too aggressive in August, they were facing questions on Tuesday over whether their approach this time was too tame. Chief Jon Belmar of the St. Louis County Police and other officials defended their response, saying that they took steps to de-escalate the situation but that the magnitude of the violence was beyond their control.

Chief Belmar said the initial, hands-off tactics by the police were intended to allow protesters to demonstrate peacefully, but he said that

the situation ultimately grew so unstable that it required a more forceful approach.

“I don’t think we were underprepared, but I’ll be honest with you, unless we bring 10,000 policemen in here, I don’t think we can prevent folks that really are intent on destroying a community,” he said. But he admitted that despite months of preparation and training, and a buildup of manpower, equipment and technology, he had not foreseen the chaos that ultimately unfolded.

Among the more than 60 people arrested, on various charges including second-degree burglary and arson, most were Missouri residents — a shift, some here said, from the unrest of the summer.

“In August, we talked about how the out-of-towners came in and tore up our community,” said Capt. Ronald S. Johnson of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. “Well, our community has got to take some responsibility for what happened tonight.”

Many, too, blamed protest groups for failing to restrain people whose plans went far beyond the peaceful protests promised in weeks past. In the days leading up to grand jury’s announcement, the police and some protest leaders had agreed to numerous “rules of engagement” to allow demonstrators to peacefully assemble and have their say. But those rules seemed to vanish on Monday night.

Reporting was contributed by Jack Healy, Julie Bosman, John Eligon, Alan Blinder and Mitch Smith from Ferguson, and Matt Apuzzo from Washington.

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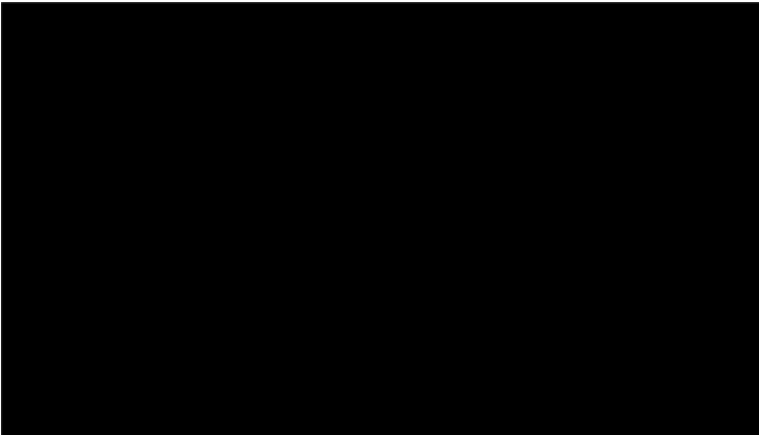
Protesters fill streets across country as Ferguson protests spread coast to coast

By **Steve Almasy** and **Holly Yan**, CNN
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(CNN) -- [Updated at 1:18 a.m. ET]

From New York to Los Angeles and dozens and dozens of cities in between, protesters flooded the streets to denounce a Missouri grand jury's decision not to indict Ferguson police Officer Darren Wilson.

A day after the country learned Wilson won't face criminal charges for killing unarmed teenager Michael Brown, protests sprouted up in more than 170 U.S. cities.



Photos: Ferguson protests across U.S.

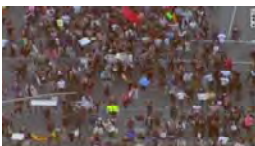


Some demonstrations blocked bridges, tunnels and major highways. But unlike the violence that erupted in Ferguson on Monday night, the protests across the country Tuesday night were largely peaceful.

New York

A massive protest wound its way from Union Square to FDR Drive and to the United Nations, Times Square and Harlem.

"Now it's not clear where we're going," said CNN's Miguel Marquez, who was interviewing protesters as they continued marching after midnight.



One demonstrator said he didn't even know about the protest until he saw it pass by his workplace on Times Square. He decided to join in.

"I just want to help bring about change ... sometimes I am profiled based on my race," said the protester, who is black.

"I think this is progress ... now we're going to make sure things are going to change."



As they marched, some protesters chanted, "Mike Brown! Mike Brown!"

Police, who were nearby in large numbers, stayed back and let the marchers go.

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Oakland, California

Perhaps the greatest concentration of turmoil Tuesday night was in Oakland, where vandals smashed the windows of a car dealership and looted several businesses, including a T-Mobile cell phone store.

Some also set several bonfires in the city. One row of bonfires stretched across a road, blocking off access, footage from CNN affiliate KPIX showed.

Some people were seen adding more items to the fires.

Los Angeles

A stretch of the 101 Freeway in Los Angeles was shut down in both directions after protesters took road blocks from the streets, along with debris, and placed them on the freeway, police said.

And demonstrators gathered outside of the Los Angeles Police Department headquarters, Officer Sara Faden said. Faden said protesters are demonstrating peacefully.

An LAPD spokesman said officers are allowing people to vent.

"We have detained people. We don't have any property damage to speak of," Officer Jack Richter said. "We are letting (the people) exercise their constitutional rights."

Boston

Mayor Marty Walsh estimated about 1,000 protesters took to the streets Tuesday night.

The gathering has been largely peaceful.

"It's a beautiful thing to see," demonstrator Daniel Jose Older said.

[Complete coverage of what's happening in Ferguson](#)

Denver

Several hundred people took to the streets of Denver on Tuesday night, police said.

Officers tried to prevent demonstrators from marching onto Interstate 25. Most protesters dispersed peacefully, but a "small group" refused and grabbed officers.

Officers used pepper spray, and three people were arrested, police said.

Dallas

About five protesters were arrested after marching on Interstate 35, CNN affiliate WFAA said.

Some 200 demonstrators gathered at Dallas police headquarters before marching onto the interstate, the affiliate said.

Washington

In Washington, protesters lay down on a sidewalk outside police headquarters as if dead, according to a tweet by Nikki Burdine of [CNN affiliate WUSA](#).

Some had handwritten notes on their chests: "Black lives matter."

Minneapolis

A woman in a group blocking an intersection was run over by a car.

The Star Tribune newspaper reported that the driver of the car honked at the protesters before knocking a few people onto the hood of the vehicle and apparently running over the woman's legs. She was hospitalized with "very minor injuries."

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About 200 members of the Black Youth Project staged a sit-in outside Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office Tuesday afternoon. They planned to be there for 28 hours.

Protesters in the New York area briefly blocked one of the entrances to the Lincoln Tunnel Tuesday evening, but then headed off to the city's West Side.

Atlanta

The Public Enemy anthem pumping from mounted speakers at a protest in downtown Atlanta captured the mood of the crowd Tuesday night.

"Fight the Power," the rapper's voice shouted over the speaker. "Fight the powers that be. ..."

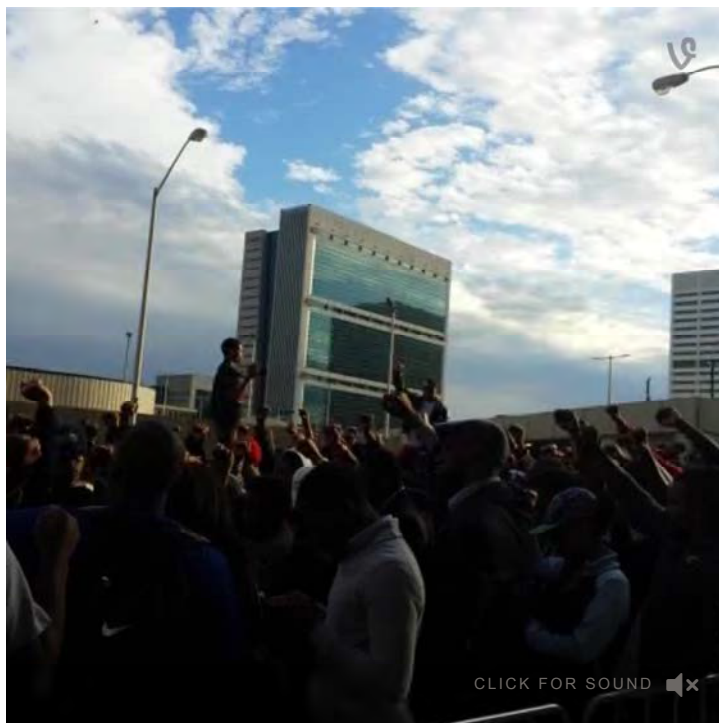
About 300 people tried to follow Public Enemy's advice when they gathered to protest the grand jury's decision.

As helicopters circled above, black college students, white urban hipsters in skinny jeans, middle-aged socialists and black militants in berets gathered for a raucous rally to vent their anger at the events in Ferguson.

"They have given us no justice! We will give them no peace," the demonstrators chanted as they massed in front of the Underground Atlanta shopping district.

Some protesters had also gathered outside CNN Center.

'It's a travesty'



Some Atlanta protesters held signs that read "Enough" and "We are all one bullet away from being a hashtag."

One demonstrator wore a T-shirt that read, "Racism isn't over but I'm over racism."

"It's a travesty; it's just not right," ShaCzar Brown said as held up a sign that said, "Stop killer cops."

"Seventy years ago, it was legal to kill black people," Brown says, referring to the spate of lynchings that spread through the U.S. in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. "It's essentially still legal."

Atlanta, birthplace of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., also saw emotional reaction Monday night when about 200 students gathered

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The resignation comes five days after a grand jury decided not to indict the Ferguson, Missouri, police officer for killing Michael Brown.

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Ferguson Police Officer Darren Wilson said that he's not tormented by that fateful encounter in suburban St. Louis last summer.

The country reacts to Ferguson



News about the grand jury's decision not to indict Wilson spread quickly nationwide, spurring spontaneous rallies. See a collection of reactions from across the country.

Are the protests near you?



If you are in Ferguson or have witnessed protests where you live, share your story with CNN. Personal essays and video commentary are also welcome.

What Darren Wilson told the grand jury

updated 6:45 PM EST, Tue November 25, 2014



Transcripts of testimony that jurors heard considering Michael Brown's death have been released to the public.

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at Morehouse College to hear the grand jury's decision. A collective gasp rippled through the crowd when it came.

Some of the students at the historically black men's school looked at one another in disbelief, others started to tear up, and a few stared ahead as their jaws dropped.

Police sirens wailed in the distance as the students chanted: "Ferguson's hell is America's hell."

Largely peaceful protests

"Black lives matter" signs on protestors chests as they lie "dead" for 4 min in solidarity with Mike Brown @wusa9
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— Nikki Burdine (@NikkiBurdine) November 25, 2014

"I think what happened yesterday is a great injustice to everyone that's been fighting for equality in this country," one Chicago protester told WGN on Tuesday. "And I think that just because a bad decision was made doesn't mean people who believe in equality are going to fall silent."

200 people at #chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's office protesting police handling of black men. #ferguson #cnn
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— billkirkos (@KirkosBill) November 25, 2014

Protests have been organized in more than 30 states, the District of Columbia and at least three other countries, according to information compiled by CNN and a [site set up to help organize protest efforts](#).

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His mother ran down the street, tears streaming down her face. His father said he was "devastated."

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As tensions in Ferguson, Missouri, have bubbled, one official after another has taken the lead, grappling to figure out how to stop it from coming to a boil.

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See images of the protests in Ferguson, Missouri.

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2 N.Y.P.D. Officers Killed in Brooklyn Ambush; Suspect Commits Suicide

By BENJAMIN MUELLER and AL BAKER DEC. 20, 2014

Two police officers sitting in their patrol car in Brooklyn were shot at point-blank range and killed on Saturday afternoon by a man who, officials said, had traveled to the city from Baltimore vowing to kill officers. The suspect then committed suicide with the same gun, the authorities said.

The officers, Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos, were in the car near Myrtle and Tompkins Avenues in Bedford-Stuyvesant in the shadow of a tall housing project when the gunman, Ismaaiyl Brinsley, walked up to the passenger-side window and assumed a firing stance, Police Commissioner William J. Bratton said. Mr. Brinsley shot several rounds into the heads and upper bodies of the officers, who never drew their weapons, the authorities said.

Mr. Brinsley, 28, then fled down the street and onto the platform of a

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Mr. Brinsley, who had a long rap sheet of crimes that included robbery and carrying a concealed gun, is believed to have shot his former girlfriend near Baltimore before traveling to Brooklyn, the authorities said. He made statements on social media suggesting that he planned to kill police officers and was angered about the Eric Garner and Michael Brown cases.

Authorities in Baltimore sent a warning that Mr. Brinsley had made these threats, but it was received in New York at essentially the same time as the killings, officials said.

The shootings, the chase, the suicide of Mr. Brinsley and the desperate but failed bid to save the lives of the officers — their uniforms soaked in blood — turned a busy commercial intersection on the Saturday before Christmas into a scene of pandemonium.

The manager of a liquor store at the corner, Charlie Hu, said the two police officers were slouched over in the front seat of their patrol car. Both of them appeared to have been shot in the head, Mr. Hu said, and one of the officers had blood spilling out of his face.

“Today two of New York’s finest were shot and killed with no warning, no provocation,” Mr. Bratton said at Woodhull Hospital in Williamsburg, where the officers were declared dead. “They were, quite simply, assassinated — targeted for their uniform and for the responsibility they embraced to keep the people of this city safe.”

“Officer Ramos and Officer Liu never had the opportunity to draw their weapons,” he continued. “They may have never even seen the assailant, their murderer.”

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Mayor Bill de Blasio, standing beside the police commissioner, said, “It is an attack on all of us; it’s an attack on everything we hold dear.”

Mr. de Blasio said he had met with the officers’ families, including Officer Ramos’s 13-year-old son, who “couldn’t comprehend what had happened to his father.”

Late Saturday night, President Obama condemned the “murder of two police officers in New York City,” noting that officers who serve their communities “deserve our respect and gratitude every single day. Tonight, I ask people to reject violence and words that harm, and turn to words that heal — prayer, patient dialogue, and sympathy for the friends and family of the fallen.”

The double killing comes at a moment when protests over police tactics have roiled the city and other parts of the nation. Since a grand jury declined to bring criminal charges in the case of Mr. Garner, a black Staten Island man who died after a police chokehold in July, protesters have filled the streets on numerous occasions. Those protests followed more violent ones in Ferguson, Mo., after there were no charges in the police shooting of Mr. Brown, an unarmed black teenager.

The mayor has taken care to praise officers’ work repeatedly since the grand jury decision, but he has stressed the rights of protesters to express themselves and spoken of his personal experience instructing his biracial son, Dante, to “take special care” during any police encounters.

Some union leaders suggested the mayor had sent a message that police officers were to be feared. Cries for the police to use more restraint have been buttressed by historic drops in violent crime. The city has seen

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But the shooting on Saturday seemed reminiscent of decades past, when the city was mired in an epidemic of drugs and violence and, in 1988, a police officer was shot while he sat alone in his patrol car guarding the home of a man who had testified in a drug case. That killing shook the city, sparking an escalation in the war on drugs and an aggressive crackdown on violent crime. Mr. Bratton said that the attack on Saturday was the seventh time since 1972 that partners in the Police Department had been killed at the same time.

The killing seemed to drive the wedge between Mr. de Blasio and rank-and-file officers even deeper. Video posted online showed dozens of officers turning their backs to the mayor as he walked into a news conference on Saturday night.

“There’s blood on many hands tonight — those that incited violence on the street under the guise of protests, that tried to tear down what New York City police officers did every day,” the head of the Patrolmen’s Benevolent Association, Patrick Lynch, said outside Woodhull Hospital. He added, “That blood on the hands starts on the steps of City Hall, in the office of the mayor.”

Mr. Brinsley, whose records indicate that he was born in New York, had been arrested several times in Georgia and Ohio. He was arrested on accusations of carrying a concealed weapon and stealing in Georgia, and in Ohio in connection with theft and robbery, among other run-ins with the police. His last known residence was in Georgia. Mr. Bratton said the suspect also had ties to East Flatbush, Brooklyn, but would not be more specific.

Earlier on Saturday, law enforcement officials said Mr. Brinsley shot

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Mr. Bratton said investigators believed that after the Maryland shooting, Mr. Brinsley posted to an Instagram account that he was headed to New York to attack police officers and that the posting might be his last. Mr. Bratton lamented the timing of the warning from authorities. “The tragedy here is that just as the warning was coming in, the murder was occurring,” he said.

Mr. Bratton said that the Instagram posts reviewed by investigators, which he said had been widely circulated and may have been on the account of a girlfriend, revealed a “very strong bias against police officers.”

In the Instagram posting that was apparently written by Mr. Brinsley, he called the attack retribution for the deaths of Mr. Garner and Mr. Brown.

Below a photo of a firearm, the Instagram posting, which misspells Mr. Garner’s name, reads: “I’m Putting Wings On Pigs Today. They Take 1 Of Ours.....Let’s Take 2 of Theirs #ShootThePolice #RIPerivGardner #RIPMikeBrown.”

Mr. Brinsley’s sister, Nawaal Brinsley, said on Saturday that she had not seen her brother in two years. “Oh my goodness, oh my goodness,” she said when told of the attack. She said she did not remember hearing her brother express anger at the police.

Mr. Bratton said that Officer Liu had been a seven-year veteran of the force and that Officer Ramos had been an officer since 2012. Officer Liu, he added, had been married two months.

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in recent weeks, condemned the attack.

“Any use of the names of Eric Garner and Michael Brown in connection with any violence or killing of police is reprehensible and against the pursuit of justice in both cases,” he said.

The Brooklyn borough president, Eric Adams, worried that the attack would “tarnish” the campaign against police brutality that has swept the city.

“It’s horrific to have someone intentionally shoot a police officer; it’s the wrong message,” he said. “And that is not the message that many have been calling on when they talk about reform.”

The intersection where the shooting occurred, which is dominated by the Tompkins housing project across the street, is a spot where residents often see police keeping watch. The officers had been assigned to patrol the Tompkins Houses in response to an uptick in violence there this year, Mr. Bratton said.

The increased police presence had improved the neighborhood, some said. “It’s changed and gotten better through the years,” said Felix Camacho, 40, an airport ramp agent who has lived for eight years on the block where the shooting happened. But other residents worried that the episode on Saturday would inflame relations.

More than 100 officers lined the hospital’s exit ramp as the bodies of Officers Liu and Ramos were driven out in ambulances.

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U.S. + Baltimore riots: A timeline

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By **Joshua Berlinger**, CNN

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Photos: Baltimore protests

People hold hands during a rally at Baltimore City Hall on Sunday, May 3. The death of Freddie Gray in police custody sparked rioting in Baltimore and protests [across the country](#).

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(CNN) — The day Baltimore planned to lay Freddie Gray to rest, the city went up in smoke. Riots have broken out throughout Baltimore less than three weeks after a 25-year-old man died in police custody.

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What started as peaceful protests days ago have turned violent, with stores being looted, rocks being thrown at police and buildings and cars set on fire.

Here's what we know happened on Monday leading up to the violence:

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11:00 a.m. -- The funeral for Freddie Gray is set to begin. Live TV

1:42 p.m. -- The casket holding Freddie Gray's body is loaded onto the hearse.

3:00 p.m. -- A so-called flier from a local high school says that a "purge" is scheduled to start, according to the [Baltimore Sun](#). The film "The Purge" is about a dystopian society in which crime is low in the United States because all laws are suspended for one 24-hour period every year.

3:30 p.m. -- Dozens of police can be seen gathered on the streets of Baltimore.

3:34 p.m. -- Protesters begin to confront riot police.

3:41 p.m. -- CNN reports that protesters are beginning to throw bottles at police officers and journalists.

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3:49 p.m. -- CNN cameras show a police officer being carried off.

3:51 p.m. -- Helicopter footage from CNN affiliate WJLA captures white smoke billowing up from the street. Neil Franklin, a former Maryland state police officer, tells CNN "it's like the perfect place for something like this to occur."

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4:27 p.m. -- WJLA's helicopter records people wrecking a police car.

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4:29 p.m. -- Baltimore Police tweet out first reports of bottles and bricks being thrown at officers.



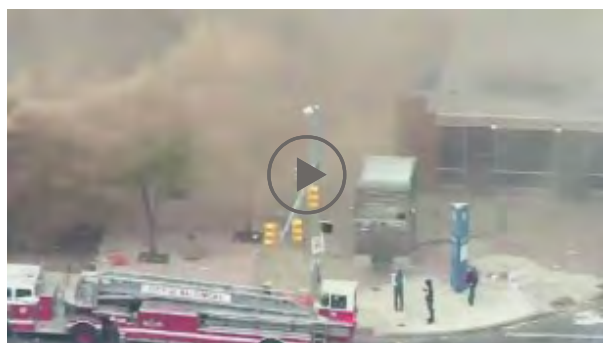
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A group of juveniles are still in the area of Mondawmin Mall. We are hearing reports of bottles and bricks being thrown at officers.

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4:44 p.m. -- People begin entering a CVS pharmacy. [The store was closed at 3 p.m., the company said.](#)

5:51 p.m. -- Baltimore police report a massive fire at Federal Street and Gay Street.

6:19 p.m. -- The gates at Camden Yards, home of Major League Baseball's Baltimore Orioles, can be seen being closed.

6:26 p.m. -- The CVS that was looted goes up in smoke.

6:47 p.m. -- Gov. Larry Hogan's office announces that all previously scheduled events on his calendar on Tuesday will be canceled.

6:50 p.m. -- A man can be seen on CNN stabbing

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7:01 p.m. -- Gov. Larry Hogan's office announces that he has declared a state of emergency and will activate the National Guard to address the unrest in Baltimore.

7:20 p.m. -- The Orioles announce they've postponed Monday night's game.

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After consultation with Baltimore City Police Department, tonight's game between the Orioles & White Sox at Oriole Park has been postponed.

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7:58 p.m. -- Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake announces that a citywide, nightly curfew will be imposed starting Tuesday from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. It will be in effect for one week, Rawlings-Blake said at a press conference. **More information** **I accept**

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Family: Officer killed 19-year-old after mistaking him for someone else

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MEMPHIS, TN (WMC) - A teen is dead after being shot by a Memphis police officer late Friday night.

The MPD officer stopped a car for a broken headlight in the 5700 block of Winchester Road. The officer issued the driver a ticket and let him go. However, the passenger in the car had several warrants for his arrest.

Darrius Stewart, the 19-year-old passenger, was placed in the back seat of the police car to verify the warrants.

Investigators said when the officer opened the back door to handcuff Stewart, he kicked the door and attacked the officer. During the fight, Stewart grabbed the officer's handcuffs and swung them at him. The officer grabbed his gun and shot Stewart to end the fight.

Stewart went to Regional Medical Center in critical condition where he later died.

The officer had several cuts and bruises from the fight, but he did not need to go to the hospital. He is relieved of duty pending the outcome of this investigation.

"Words can't express how I feel," Stewart's mother said. "If my son attacked this officer, why didn't he use a taser? There were two officers and only one of my son."

Family members said they want answers. They said police gave them no information about what happened to their son, but they said he did not have any warrants like police claim.

Stewart's mother said her son was detained several months ago for the same thing.

"They told him he could leave because he wasn't the one they were looking for, but to be safe, because there is someone out there with the same name and a lot of warrants," she said.

Police said Stewart had a warrant in Iowa that was believed to be for a sex offense and another warrant in Illinois. When asked why Stewart was not handcuffed, police said they do not have a policy about handcuffing people in the car.

Stewart's mother said her son was going to attend the University of Memphis in the fall. He planned to become a doctor, and he has never been arrested.

Police said they could not provide answers about the warrants at this time.

"We don't understand," aunt Terry Stewart said. "Police are supposed to serve and protect, yet society fears. I think they are hiding a lot of things."

Memphis Police said they do not know for sure if the warrants were Stewart's. They said they were able to access his name and birth date and find warrants, but were not able to access pictures from other agencies.

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Two men have been arrested and other suspects are being sought after five people were shot in Minneapolis near a protest over the fatal police shooting of an unarmed black man.

A 23-year-old white man was taken into custody in Bloomington, Minnesota, on Tuesday around 11:20 a.m., Minneapolis police said in a statement, and a 32-year-old Hispanic man was arrested in South Minneapolis at about 12:05 p.m. Neither of the suspects' names were released.

Initially, police had said they were hunting for three white suspects.

The five victims of Monday night's shooting were transported to local hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries after the incident late Monday, the Minneapolis Police Department said earlier. They were all black men, ages 19 to 43, according to the Minneapolis Star Tribune. One victim was shot in the stomach needed surgery, the Black Lives Matter local group in Minneapolis said Tuesday.

The shooting happened about a block away from the Minneapolis Police Department 4th Precinct, where Black Lives Matter demonstrators and local activists have camped for more than a week after 24-year-old Jamar Clark was shot dead by a police officer during a scuffle on November 15.

"Dozens of officers responded almost immediately attending to victims and secured the scene," the police statement said early Tuesday. "Additional resources were called in and are actively investigating the shootings, interviewing a multitude of witnesses."

Witness Jie Wronski-Riley, 19, told NBC News via telephone that a group of three men was "yelling and being aggressive and it was obvious they were here to antagonize and confront people."

Around 25 of the protesters started "escorting" the three people away from the area when there was a "conflict between the two groups," Wronski-Riley said.

Most of the protesters broke off but around four of them kept on up the street to ensure the three men would not come back. Wronski-Riley said that at this point the men "turned around and without warning and started shooting at us ... everything was super chaotic."

Minneapolis' Black Lives Matter group were among dozens claiming on Twitter that the shooters were "white supremacists."

"What happened last night was a planned hate crime," the group said in a statement Tuesday.

Asked about the allegations swirling on social media, Minneapolis Police Department spokesman John Elder said it was "way too early in this investigation" to make a statement about claims the shooters were white supremacists.

"I have heard a dozen different theories, and as part of our investigation we will investigate every one of these until we can ascertain which one is applicable," he told NBC News.



Black Lives Matter: 'We Have Zero Faith' in Police After Shootings Outside Station

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Black Lives Matter Minneapolis chided the police Tuesday for not protecting protesters.

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"We reiterate that we have zero faith in this police department's desire to keep us safe," the group said.

The shooting happened near a protest camp over the police shooting of Jamar Clark earlier this month. According to police, Clark was a suspect in an assault and was interfering with paramedics who were trying to treat a victim. It is unclear whether Clark was handcuffed during the scuffle.

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the state agency investigating his death, is looking into whether he was restrained. The FBI is also conducting a civil rights investigation.

Clark's death set off more than a week of protests, some of which turned violent.

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Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton told reporters Monday that he had seen video of the incident, but said it provided no conclusive evidence of whether the shooting was justified.

"There's nothing in there that's going to provide any confirmation for this view that the officers acted as some allege they did," Dayton said.

In light of the shootings late Monday, Clark's brother, Eddie Sutton, called for an end to the protest encampment.

"Thank you to the community for the incredible support you have shown for our family in this difficult time. We appreciate Black Lives Matter for holding it down and keeping the protests peaceful," Sutton said in a statement released early Tuesday. "But in light of tonight's shootings, the family feels out of imminent concern for the safety of the occupiers, we must get the occupation of the 4th Precinct ended and onto the next step."

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No federal charges against officers in Alton Sterling death

By Steve Almasy, Holly Yan, Jamiel Lynch and Eric Levenson, CNN

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State attorney general says his office will assist state police with next investigation

Sterling was killed last July in Baton Rouge after he was pinned to the ground; police said he was armed

(CNN) — After 10 agonizing months hoping two officers would be charged for Alton Sterling's death, the Louisiana man's relatives didn't get the news they wanted.

Federal prosecutors announced Wednesday that there is not enough evidence to warrant civil rights charges against Baton Rouge police officers Blane Salamoni and Howie Lake II.

But they said they would hand the case files over to Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, who will

Sterling, 37, was killed by police in July 2016. Cellphone video showed Sterling, a black man, pinned to the ground by the white officers before he was shot, but police said he was reaching for a gun.

Video shows shooting of Alton Sterling 01:03

Outrage over Sterling's death led to renewed "Black Lives Matter" protests across the nation.

Landry said state police will lead Louisiana's investigation, and a prosecutor from the state's Department of Justice will assist.

"A thorough and complete investigation could take a considerable amount of time; as such, we ask for patience from the public and the press," Landry said.

The US Department of Justice's decision was disappointing to the Sterling family, attorney Chris Stewart said. But "we're not angry. We're not gonna ... let rage rule, because it's not over," he said.

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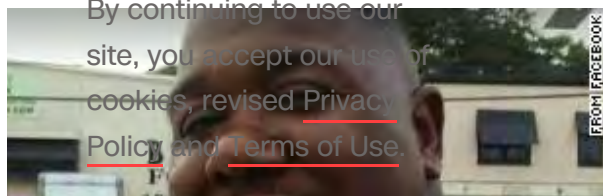
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Officer pointed gun at Sterling's head

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There were some revelations in the Justice Department's announcement. One new detail: The officer who eventually shot Sterling first put a gun to his head when Sterling didn't comply with orders to put his hands on the hood of a car on the night of July 5.



Alton Sterling

Video shows the officers put their hands on Sterling after he refused their order and struggled with them.

Salamoni then pulled his gun.

Stewart said they learned in a conversation with federal prosecutors and investigators that Salamoni also said, "I'll kill you, bitch."

Authorities, citing the ongoing investigation, would not comment any further on the case.

After the news conference, Alton Sterling's aunt's emotions burst out, according to CNN affiliates [WAFB](#) and [WBRZ](#).

"Oh my God, that was the hardest thing ever," Sandra Sterling wailed, before her attorney and others led her away from reporters. "To hear Salamoni tell my nephew, my child who I love so much, that I'm going to kill you. He put that gun to his head. ... Salamoni put that gun to his head and said I'm going to kill you. So how do you think Alton felt? How do you think Alton felt after hearing that I'm going to kill you?"

Stewart said Salamoni instigated the situation.

"The most important thing is it shows the mindset of Officer Salamoni," he told CNN.

Salamoni's attorney, John McLindon, told CNN he doesn't know whether his client said those words.

"I was not a part of that conversation the Sterling family had," he said Wednesday evening. "The US attorney did allude to the officer's behavior not being appropriate."

"If it did happen, then the feds knew about it," McLindon said. "If it's on video or audio, they have it. And they used two separate expert witnesses on use of force. Both of them reached the same conclusion -- that it was not criminal behavior. If it did happen, it did not rise to the level of criminal conduct."

The DOJ announcement also says that after the officer -- responding to a 911 call about a man with a gun -- confronted Sterling with his service pistol, the suspect put his hands on the car hood. When Sterling took his hands off the hood, Lake tasered him and both officers tackled Sterling and took him to the ground.

Among the other things we learned Wednesday:

- The Justice Department identified Sterling's gun as a .38 caliber revolver, with six rounds in it.
- While two videos showing the incident have been released publicly, there are four other videos in evidence: two body camera recordings, one from a store surveillance camera, and one from the dashboard camera in a patrol car.
- Lake twice used his Taser on Sterling before the scuffle.

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"We would have to prove, beyond a reasonable doubt, that Officer Salamoni did not believe that Mr. Sterling was actually going for a gun ... and that he simply decided to shoot him," said Corey Amundson, acting US attorney for the Middle District of Louisiana.

[Read the DOJ's conclusion on the Sterling investigation](#)

Several of Sterling's relatives wept after the DOJ told the family no federal charges will be filed. But Stewart said he thinks the state will find reason to charge the officers.

Lake's attorney, Fred T. Crifasi, called the shooting a tragic loss.

"It has drastically changed the lives of all those personally connected and has indirectly affected so many more. While Officer Lake is certainly relieved by the conclusion reached by the United States Department of Justice, he is aware that this investigation is now in the hands of the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana," he said. Accordingly, he will continue to refrain from publicly commenting on the facts of the case."

McLindon said he agreed with the Justice Department's decision "100%" and will contact the Louisiana attorney general on Thursday about cooperating with the next investigation.

The mayor of Baton Rouge said the fatal shooting will lead to revisions in the city's police training manual about the use of force.

Mayor Sharon Weston Broome also said \$2 million would be put toward toward securing body cameras for the entire police force. This will also receive training in implicit bias, she told reporters.

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Sterling's fatal encounter with police started when he was standing outside the convenience store where he frequently sold CDs and DVDs. Someone called 911 to report a man outside the store with a gun.

Bystander video -- which apparently begins after Salamon pointing his gun -- shows an officer rushing Sterling and pulling him to the ground. The other officer helps restrain Sterling. Someone shouts, "He's got a gun!"

Police eventually manage to pin Sterling to the ground, with one officer straddling him. In one video, an officer draws something from his waistband and points it at Sterling. As the camera turns away, more yelling ensues, followed by several loud bangs.

Afterward, the camera captures Sterling with a large bloodstain on his chest as an officer on the ground next to him keeps his gun pointed at Sterling.

As Sterling lies fatally wounded, the other officer removes something from Sterling's right pocket.

Study: Black people are three times as likely to die from police use of force

CNN's Emanuella Grinberg, Kevin Conlon, Chuck Johnston, and Nick Valencia contributed to this report.

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Five Dallas Officers Were Killed as Payback, Police Chief Says

By Manny Fernandez, Richard Pérez-Peña and Jonah Engel Bromwich

July 8, 2016

DALLAS — The heavily armed sniper who gunned down police officers in downtown Dallas, leaving five of them dead, specifically set out to kill as many white officers as he could, officials said Friday. He was a military veteran who had served in Afghanistan, and he kept an arsenal in his home that included bomb-making materials.

The gunman turned a demonstration against fatal police shootings this week of black men in Minnesota and Louisiana from a peaceful march focused on violence committed by officers into a scene of chaos and bloodshed aimed against them.

The shooting was the kind of retaliatory violence that people have feared through two years of protests around the country against deaths in police custody, forcing yet another wrenching shift in debates over race and criminal justice that had already deeply divided the nation.

Demonstrations continued Friday in cities across the country, with one of the largest taking place on the streets of Atlanta, where thousands of people protesting police abuse brought traffic to a standstill.

Jeh Johnson, the Homeland Security secretary, said in New York that there was apparently just one sniper, though there were so many gunshots and so many victims that officials at first speculated about multiple shooters.

Officials said they had found no evidence that the gunman, Micah Johnson, 25, had direct ties to any protest or political group, either peaceful or violent, but his Facebook page showed that he supported the New Black Panther Party, a group that has advocated violence against whites, and Jews in particular.

Searching the killer's home on Friday, "detectives found bomb-making materials, ballistic vests, rifles, ammunition, and a personal journal of combat tactics," the Dallas Police Department said in a statement.

Three other people were arrested in connection with the shooting, but the police would not name them or say why they were being held.

In addition to the five officers who died, seven officers and two civilians were wounded. The Police Department said that 12 officers had returned fire during a wild series of gun battles that stretched for blocks.

After the shooting subsided, Mr. Johnson, wielding an assault rifle and a handgun, held the police off for hours in a parking garage, claiming — apparently falsely — to have planted explosives in the area, and threatening to kill more officers. In the end, the police killed him Friday morning with an explosive delivered by a remote-controlled robot, the Dallas police chief, David O. Brown, said.

During the standoff, Mr. Johnson, who was black, told police negotiators that "he was upset about Black Lives Matter," Chief Brown said. "He said he was upset about the recent police shootings. The suspect said he was upset at white people. The suspect stated he wanted to kill white people, especially white officers."



From left, Lorne Ahrens, Michael Krol, Michael J. Smith, Brent Thompson and Patrick Zamarripa were killed in Dallas.

He refused to rule out the possibility that more people were involved, saying, "We're not satisfied that we've exhausted every lead."

Mr. Johnson, who lived in the Dallas area, served as a private in the Army Reserve from March 2009 to April 2015, according to records released by the Pentagon. He was listed as a carpentry and masonry specialist, and served in Afghanistan from November 2013 to July 2014.

The sequence of events this week provoked anger and despair, dealing blows both to law enforcement and to peaceful critics of the police, who have fended off claims that the outcry over police shootings foments violence and puts officers' lives in danger.

"All I know is that this must stop, this divisiveness between our police and our citizens," Chief Brown said.

Just hours after President Obama, reacting to video recordings of the shootings in Baton Rouge, La., and Falcon Heights, Minn., spoke in anguished terms about the disparate treatment of the races by the criminal justice system, he felt compelled to speak again, this time about the people who attacked officers.

"We will learn more, undoubtedly, about their twisted motivations, but let's be clear: There are no possible justifications for these attacks or any violence towards law enforcement," he told reporters Friday morning in Warsaw, where he was attending a NATO summit meeting, after speaking by phone with Mayor Mike Rawlings of Dallas.

The White House said Mr. Obama would travel to Dallas early next week, at the invitation of the city's mayor. Later in the week, the president will host a discussion between the police and community leaders to help find solutions to racial disparities and ways to better support police, aides said.

Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch, who was in Washington, said that the week's violence had left many people with a justifiable "sense of helplessness, of uncertainty and of fear," but that "the answer must not be violence."

"To our brothers and sisters who wear the badge, I want you to know that I am deeply grateful for the difficult and dangerous work that you do every day to keep our streets safe and our nation secure," she said. To the protesters, she said, "Do not be discouraged by those who would use your lawful actions as a cover for their heinous violence."

But William Johnson, executive director of the National Association of Police Organizations, appearing on Fox News, said that there was “a war on cops,” and that the Obama administration was to blame for appeasement of those who attack the police.

The attack appeared to be the deadliest for law enforcement officers in the United States since Sept. 11, 2001.

“Our profession is hurting,” Chief Brown said, calling the actions of his officers nothing short of heroic. “Dallas officers are hurting. We are heartbroken. There are not words to describe the atrocity that occurred to our city.”

The shooting erupted just before 9 p.m., only a few blocks from Dealey Plaza, where President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in 1963. It cut short an emotional but peaceful demonstration, unleashing chaos as terrified marchers, including families with children, ran for cover, while police officers ran toward the shooting, guns drawn and firing back.

“I grabbed my shirt because I was close enough, I thought I might have been shot,” said Jeff Hood, a minister who took part in the march. “I was screaming, ‘Run, run!’”

Bystanders captured extraordinary video of the shootout on downtown streets, with officers taking shelter behind patrol cars and pillars, and tending to their fallen comrades, amid the boom of gunfire and the flash and glare of squad cars’ emergency lights.

The violence struck near one of the city’s busiest districts, filled with hotels and restaurants as well as county government buildings, and hundreds of people spent much of the night trapped in buildings that were placed on lockdown.

The dead included four officers of the Dallas city police, and one from Dallas Area Rapid Transit.

Jane E. Bishkin, a Dallas lawyer who represents five of the wounded officers, said that they were expected to recover, but that one of them, a woman, had suffered a serious injury to her left arm and might be disabled as a result.

After Mr. Johnson was cornered on the second floor of a parking garage, negotiators spent hours trying to get him to surrender, Chief Brown said, but he “told our negotiators that the end is coming and he’s going to hurt and kill more of us, meaning law enforcement, and that there are bombs all over the place in this garage and downtown.”

“The negotiations broke down, and we had an exchange of gunfire with the suspect,” the chief said. “We saw no other option but to use our bomb robot and place a device on its extension for it to detonate where the suspect was.”

The three other suspects were a woman who was taken from the garage and two others who were taken in for questioning after a traffic stop, but they were not providing much information, the chief said.

On Friday, a large part of downtown remained off limits to civilians as detectives, and agents from the F.B.I. and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, combed through the sprawling crime scene.

Chief Brown suggested that the gunman had some knowledge of the march route.

“How would you know to post up there?” he said. “We have yet to determine whether or not there was some complicity with the planning of this, but we will be pursuing that.”

But Dominique R. Alexander, a minister and head of the Next Generation Action Network, who said he had planned the march, said his group did not condone any violence.

“I was right there when the shooting happened,” he said. “They could have shot me.”

Manny Fernandez reported from Dallas, and Richard Pérez-Peña and Jonah Engel Bromwich from New York. Reporting was contributed by Michael S. Schmidt from Washington, Alan Blinder and Patrick McGee from Dallas, Mark Landler from Warsaw, Julie Turkewitz from Colorado Springs, and Sewell Chan from London.

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was Missouri man, sources say

By Steve Visser, CNN

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Story highlights

Gunman Gavin Long was a prolific user of social media who used the pseudonym Cosmo Setepenra

One of slain officers had recently called for an end to hate in a Facebook post

(CNN) — A Missouri man ambushed and killed three law officers and wounded three others in Baton Rouge on Sunday during a time when police nationwide and in the Louisiana city in particular have been on high alert after five officers were killed in a Dallas ambush July 7.

Louisiana State Police announced last week that they had received threats of plots against Baton Rouge police.

On Sunday, a man identified as Gavin Long of Kansas City went on a shooting rampage on his 29th birthday that left two police officers and a sheriff's deputy dead, police sources said. Long, who was African-American, was a former Marine who spent time in Iraq and was discharged at the rank of sergeant in 2010, according to the U.S. military.

[Gavin Long: Who is Baton Rouge cop killer?](#)

Police officers who responded to Sunday's shootings killed Long in a gunbattle after the other officers were ambushed, police sources told CNN. The murder weapon was an AR-15 style semi-automatic rifle, law enforcement sources told CNN.

Police have not officially released the names of the victims but one was identified by family members as [Officer Montrell Jackson](#). Law officers Matthew Gerald and Brad Garafola were also killed, according to sources close to the department. That was corroborated with social media posts.



The three law-enforcement officers killed in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, were, from left, Montrell Jackson, Brad Garafola and Matthew Gerald.

The gunman also critically wounded a deputy who is "fighting for his life," said East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Sid Gautreaux. Another wounded deputy and police officer have non-life-threatening wounds, law officers said.

Jackson had posted on Facebook on July 8 how physically and emotionally drained he had been since protests had erupted in Baton Rouge after the July 5 killing of Alton Sterling by police.

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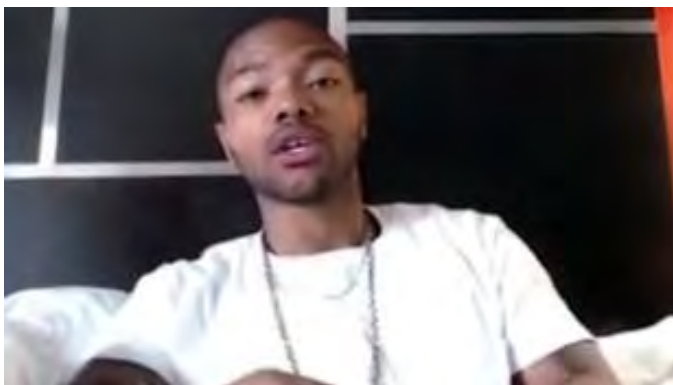
"I swear to God I love this city, but I wonder if this city loves me. In uniform I get nasty, hateful looks and out of uniform some consider me a threat. ... These are trying times. Please don't let hate infect your heart."

Gunman made frequent web posts

Long was a prolific user of social media, with dozens of videos, podcasts, tweets and posts under his pseudonym Cosmo Setepenra. Under that name, Long also tweeted a link to a news story about Dallas shooter Micah Johnson and said the shooter was "one of us! # MY Religion is Justice."

A law enforcement source said Long "was not alone during his stay in Baton Rouge," but it's unclear if others he was with knew about or were actively involved in any plot.

The FBI is running down names of possible associates, another law enforcement official said.



Police gave the name of the man who shot 6 police officers in Baton Rouge on July 17 as Gavin Long. Online, he used the name "Cosmo Setepenra," and posted on a YouTube channel of that name.

In YouTube videos posted July 8 and 10, reviewed by CNN, Long, using the name "Cosmo," spoke about the need for "fighting back" and what people should say about him "if anything happened to me."

In the July 10 video, recorded, he said, in Dallas, he says, "Zero have been successful just over simple protesting."

"You gotta fight back," he says on the video.

Two law enforcement sources tell CNN that Long rented a car in Kansas City after the Dallas shootings and drove it to Baton Rouge. Given that Long posted a YouTube video from Dallas on July 10, it is likely he drove to Baton Rouge via Dallas.

Calls for end to violence

Quinyetta McMillon, mother of Sterling's son Cameron, put out a statement through her lawyers condemning the ambush.

"We are disgusted by the despicable act of violence today that resulted in the shooting deaths of members of the Baton Rouge law enforcement. My family is heartbroken for the officers and their families. ... We reject violence of any kind directed at members of law enforcement or citizens.

Chief: 'I was an African-American before I was a police officer'

My hope is that one day soon we can come together and find solutions to the very important issues facing our nation rather than continuing to hurt one another."

President Barack Obama on Sunday [condemned](#) the killings and all attacks on law enforcement.

"We as a nation have to be loud and clear that nothing justifies violence against law enforcement," Obama said, speaking from the White House press briefing room. "Attacks on police are an attack on all of us and the rule of law that makes society possible." In a written statement earlier in the day, Obama called the Baton Rouge shootings a "cowardly and reprehensible assault."

'No talking, just shooting'

The shooting Sunday took place around 8:40 a.m. (9:40 a.m. ET) in the city of about 230,000 people, already tense after the high-profile police shooting of Sterling, an African-American man, on July 5.

On Sunday, police received a call of a "suspicious person walking down Airline Highway with an assault rifle," a source with knowledge of the investigation told CNN.

When police arrived, the shooting began.

Baton Rouge police shooting leaves 3 officers dead, CNN
 "There was no talking, just shooting," Baton Rouge Police Cpl. L.J. McKneely said.

At an afternoon news conference, local and state authorities, including Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, said Long was thought to be the lone gunman. Earlier reports had said authorities believed there might have been more than one attacker. Edwards described the shooting as an "absolutely unspeakable heinous attack."



Gunman followed conspiracy groups

Long had at least two websites where he described himself as a "Freedom Strategist, Mental Game Coach, Nutritionist, Author and Spiritual Adviser," according to a CNN review of the websites.

In addition, Long followed several conspiracy groups devoted to government surveillance and monitoring. CNN found that an email address linked to Long showed he was a member of a support group in an organization called Freedom from Covert Harassment and Surveillance, whose mission is to help those "Marginalized and abused by... Remote Brain experimentation, Remote Neural Monitoring of an entire Humans Body."

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The FBI is vetting the gunman's claims he was a member of the Nation of Islam. An official said the belief is that Long identified as being associated with the black separatist movement in some capacity but there is no indication he was directed by it. The law enforcement official said the FBI has no indication any black separatist or other domestic terrorist groups are supporting or sending people to kill cops.

In the July 8 YouTube video, Long says he acted on his own and that he wasn't directed by any group.

"I just wanted to let y'all know, don't affiliate me with nothing," he says. "I thought my own stuff; I made my own decisions; I'm the one who gotta listen to the judgment."

LSU Police armed with rifles several blocks away from the scene [@WBRZ](#)
pic.twitter.com/VhkqfMOpOd

— Michael Vinsanau (@MVinsanau) [July 17, 2016](#)

Police had been on alert

Since the shooting death of [Sterling by Baton Rouge police](#), the department has worried about threats against officers.

It has been an emotionally charged few days across the country because of the protests stemming from the Sterling shooting and the shooting by police of Philando Castile in Minnesota, plus the [ambush on Dallas police officers](#) in which a sniper killed five officers.

"This is an unspeakable and unjustified attack on all of us at a time when we need unity and healing," Edwards said Sunday in the hours after the Baton Rouge shooting.

CNN's Shimon Prokupez, Evan Perez, Diane Ruggiero, Ashley Fantz, Sheena Jones, Don Lemon, Carma Hassan, Pamela Brown, Mary Lynn Ryan, Vivian Kuo and Nick Valencia contributed to this report.

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Law Enforcement Partnerships

Law enforcement partners at the state, local, tribal and territorial levels are essential to our nation's domestic defense against terrorism. They are this country's eyes and ears, and the first line of detection and prevention.

The Importance of Cooperation (#)

Our law enforcement partners at the federal, state, local, tribal and territorial levels are the backbone of our nation's domestic defense against terrorist attacks. They are this country's eyes and ears on the ground, and the first line of detection and prevention. They are a vital partner in ensuring public safety, in every American community.

To support these partners and carry out our missions, almost 90 percent of DHS employees are stationed outside Washington, D.C., in communities across the country.

Building Partnerships (#)

Homeland security begins with hometown security. As part of its commitment to hometown security, DHS has worked to get tools, information, and resources out of Washington, D.C. and into the hands of our federal, state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement partners.

It is vital that DHS law enforcement partners have a clear understanding of the tactics, behaviors, and other indicators that could point to terrorist activity. The Department works to:

- Improve how it communicates and shares information
- Enhance the kind of federal resources and support it provides through grants, training, and other means
- Strengthen its analytic capabilities to achieve better awareness of new and emerging threats

Partnership Successes (#)

DHS has made progress in improving its domestic capabilities to detect and prevent terrorist attacks against America's people, communities, and critical infrastructure.

We have brought resources and expertise to our law enforcement partners and built new mechanisms to share information. This includes investments in training for local law enforcement and first responders of all types in order to increase expertise and capacity at the local level.

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Scott Santoro, Acting Deputy Assistant Director – Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Washington, D.C. Office, discusses the many great opportunities to not just train law enforcement but to save lives.

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Joint Terrorism Task Forces

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Terrorism Task Forces, or JTTFs, are our nation's front line on terrorism: small cells of highly trained, locally based, passionately committed investigators, analysts, linguists, SWAT experts, and other specialists from dozens of U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies.

When it comes to investigating terrorism, they do it all: chase down leads, gather evidence, make arrests, provide security for special events, conduct training, collect and share intelligence, and respond to threats and incidents at a moment's notice.

The task forces are based in 104 cities nationwide, including at least one in each of our 56 field offices. A total of 71 of these JTTFs have been created since 9/11; the first was established in New York City in 1980.

Today, the JTTFs include approximately 4,000 members nationwide—more than four times the pre-9/11 total—hailing from over 500 state and local agencies and 55 federal agencies (the Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. military, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Transportation Security Administration, to name a few).

The JTTFs provide one-stop shopping for information regarding terrorist activities. They enable a shared intelligence base across many agencies. They create familiarity among investigators and managers before a crisis. And perhaps most importantly, they pool talents, skills, and knowledge from across the law enforcement and intelligence communities into a single team that responds together.

Their contributions are more than we could possibly capture here, but JTTFs have been instrumental in breaking up cells like the “Portland Seven,” the “Lackawanna Six,” and the Northern Virginia jihad. They’ve foiled attacks on the Fort Dix Army base in New Jersey, on the JFK International Airport in New York, and on various military and civilian targets in Los Angeles. They’ve traced sources of terrorist funding, responded to anthrax threats, halted the use of fake IDs, and quickly arrested suspicious characters with all kinds of deadly weapons and explosives. Chances are, if you hear about a counterterrorism investigation, JTTFs are playing an active and often decisive role.

The task forces coordinate their efforts largely through the interagency National Joint Terrorism Task Force, working out of FBI Headquarters, which makes sure that information and intelligence flows freely among the local JTTFs and beyond.

And here’s the final—and most important—thing you should know about these JTTFs: They are working 24/7/365 to protect you, your families, and your communities from terrorist attack.