

11/5/24 Jurors convicted former Columbus police officer Adam Coy of murder for the 2020 shooting death of Andre Hill. Officer Coy was responding to a non-emergency call about a running vehicle and saw Mr. Hill inside his neighbor's garage. Thinking him suspicious he ordered Mr. Hill to come out, and when the man complied officer Coy saw what he thought was a gun in his hand. He instantly opened fire. It turned out that the object was a cellphone, and that Mr. Hill had done nothing wrong. Officer Coy had accumulated numerous citizen complaints during his nearly 20 years on the job. He was promptly fired.

6/25/22 Ex-Minneapolis cop Mohamed Noor, who shot and killed Justine Ruszczyk in July 2017 when the local resident unexpectedly appeared at his patrol car after calling 9-1-1, is being released from state prison today. Noor, whose 3rd. degree murder conviction was overturned, served the minimum two-thirds of his 57-month sentence for manslaughter. He will be under supervision for the rest of his term.

9/15/21 On September 14 the Minnesota Supreme Court reversed former officer Mohamed Noor's conviction for 3rd. degree murder. Noor had purposely fired his gun at the victim, Justine Ruszczyk. According to the Court, the law's required mental state, "a generalized indifference to human life," is not present when, as in this case, "the defendant's conduct is directed with particularity at the person who is killed." Noor remains convicted of 2nd. degree manslaughter and will have to be resentenced.

3/12/21 In 2019 Minneapolis settled the lawsuit filed by Justine Ruszczyk Damond's family for \$20 million. It recently paid \$27 million over the killing of [George Floyd](#).

2/24/21 State grand jurors declined to charge any of the Rochester officers involved in the detention and death of Daniel Prude (see 9/3/20 entry.) This matter [is being investigated](#) as a possible Federal civil rights violation by the Department of Justice.

2/1/21 Former Minneapolis officer Mohamed Noor's murder conviction was affirmed by a divided appeals court panel. His lawyers says they will appeal to the state Supreme Court.

11/23/20 Three years ago rookie SFPD officer Christopher Samayoa was just four days out of the academy when a suspect who forcibly carjacked a state lottery van and pushed its driver to the ground ran by his squad car at the end of a vehicular pursuit. He had nothing in his hands and was unarmed but Officer Samayoa shot him dead. Samayoa was fired a year later. Today, just as the statute of limitations was set to expire, San Francisco's progressive new D.A., Chesa Boudin, charged the ex-cop with manslaughter, assault with a firearm, reckless discharge of a firearm and unlawful assault by an officer.

9/3/20 Seven Rochester, New York police officers were suspended in the March death of a 41-year old Black man they encountered as he ran naked through the streets. Forced

restraint and use of a spit hood were blamed for causing Daniel T. Prude to stop breathing. [A detailed autopsy](#) listed several contributing factors, including severe heart and lung problems and acute PCP intoxication, and attributed his behavior to excited delirium.

12/3/19 Alabama jurors convicted former Montgomery police officer Aaron Smith of manslaughter for shooting and killing a pedestrian who fled from a stop-and-frisk encounter. During the chase Officer Smith repeatedly tased Greg Gunn, a 58-year old Black man, then repeatedly fired his gun because Gunn supposedly tried to hit him with a pole. Officer Smith had been charged with murder.

11/2/19 Ex-Georgia cop Robert Olsen was sentenced to twelve years imprisonment on charges of aggravated assault and perjury for shooting and killing a mentally disturbed black vet who had stripped naked and was lying on the ground. Jurors found that Olsen, who is white, lied when he said that the victim ran at him and refused to stop. But they acquitted him of murder. (See 5/29/25 update)

10/16/19 Two years ago Jackson Co. (MO) deputy Lauren Michael was awarded a Medal of Valor after shooting and killing an ex-con shoplifter who allegedly Tasered her during an arrest. This past August she shot and wounded a traffic violator who ran off after - again - allegedly Tasered the deputy. This time Deputy Michael was charged with “felony assault and armed criminal action.”

10/14/19 Summoned by a neighbor who reported an open front door, two Fort Worth officers arrived at a residence during the early morning hours. One officer saw a woman standing inside. He yelled for her to show her hands, then fired a single shot, killing the woman, the home’s lawful resident. She was reportedly playing video games and came to the window because of the commotion.

6/7/19 Minneapolis officer Noor, who was convicted in April of third-degree murder and manslaughter for the killing of Justine Ruszczyk, was sentenced to 12 1/2 years in prison.

11/15/18 On 11/11 a cop responded to a bar shooting in a Chicago suburb. On arrival the officer encountered an armed man in the parking lot, holding another man at gunpoint. Reports conflict, but the officer claimed that the armed man, Jemel Roberson, 26, wasn’t wearing a uniform and didn’t obey commands to put down the gun. The officer, who is white, then shot him dead. Roberson, a black man, was a security guard and supposedly wearing an identifying cap. The man he held had reportedly opened fire in the bar and wounded several patrons. [Illinois state police summary](#)

10/18/18 A newly-released video reveals that Ricardo Hayes, an autistic black man who was shot and wounded in August 2017 by Chicago officer Khalil Muhammad, was not

armed, as police initially suggested. Hayes was shot as he approached the officer, who was seated in his police vehicle.

9/30/18 On July 26 a white Nashville police officer looking for a motorist who had drawn his suspicion encountered several men, none connected with his quest. One, Daniel Hambrick, 25, a black man, had a gun in his hand and ran off. Officer Andrew Delke chased him on foot. He soon fired at Hambrick's back; three rounds struck and proved fatal. Officer Delke has been charged with homicide.

9/22/18 Former Texas cop Roy Oliver was sentenced to fifteen years in prison.

9/7/18 At night on Sept. 6 a Dallas officer arrived at the complex where she resides. She entered what she mistakenly thought was her apartment, assumed its tenant was an intruder, repeatedly yelled commands, then shot him dead. She will be charged with manslaughter.

8/28/18 Jurors took one day to find Texas cop Roy Oliver guilty of murder in the shooting death of Jordan Edwards. Oliver testified that he had "no other option" than to fire because the vehicle Edwards occupied "was about to hit my partner." But bodycam video contradicted him.

3/21/18 Minneapolis officer Noor was charged with 3rd. degree murder and 2nd. degree manslaughter. In Minnesota 3rd. degree murder requires proof of a "[depraved mind](#)" and 2nd. degree manslaughter of "[culpable negligence](#)," standards that the D.A. said will be "daunting" to meet.