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To: Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey  
Cc: Spielfogel, David; Deal, Joe; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth  
Subject: Re: Update chain

Cpd is calling them to fix. They already have the fact sheet.

From: Mitchell, Eileen  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:13 PM  
To: Rountree, Janey  
Cc: Spielfogel, David; Deal, Joe; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth; Collins, Adam  
Subject: Re: Update chain

Get the fact sheet to them

Eileen Mitchell  
Office of the Mayor  
(312) 744-6246 (office)  
(312) 848-7420 (mobile)

On Nov 24, 2015, at 6:12 PM, Rountree, Janey <Janey.Rountree@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

CNN saying Laquan was killed for jaywalking. Someone may want to call them.

From: Spielfogel, David  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:02 PM  
To: Rountree, Janey; Deal, Joe; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth; Rountree, Janey  
Subject: Update chain

Pls weigh in here if they are hearing of anything brewing so we all on the same page. Looks like a protest on South Halsted. Thanks.

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David Spielfogel  
Mayor’s Office  
City of Chicago  
312-744-2818 (o)
I have flagged this many times and so am going to assume there is a reason it isn't included, but I would not waste any opportunity to remind folks that we had every intention of releasing the video. Saying we had not released it up until this point for whatever reason isn't the same thing.

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Exactly. Thanks.

From: Spielfogel, David  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:50 PM  
To: Mitchell, Eileen  
Subject: Re: Note for Review

I think it’s fine though I don’t think you need the servin section. Not sure anyone is following that. But fine either way.

From: Mitchell, Eileen  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:42 PM  
To: Spielfogel, David  
Subject: RE: Note for Review

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They were neutral - responses like "thank you" or "got it." We'll keep at them.

Sent from Outlook

On Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 8:06 PM -0800, "Ewing, Clothilde" <Clothilde.Ewing@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

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From: Bittner, Emily <ebittner@cps.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:40 PM
To: Hayley Meadvin
Cc: Ewing, Clothilde; Huffman, Lauren; Collins, Adam; Quinn, Kelley; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Re: Fw: (NEWS) DNA INFO: Chicago Schools Warn Parents of 'Violent' Laquan McDonald Video

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Please make clear to them and everyone, that we were not encouraging this conversation, but rather providing materials after requests were coming in from teachers and principals. I believe this was also done after Janice or others consulted with counterpoints in other cities. We wanted to make sure that IF teachers felt that these discussions were necessary based on student questions, that they had materials or guides that would be helpful for constructive conversations.
Chicago Schools Warn Parents of 'Violent' Laquan McDonald Video
DNA INFO // DNA INFO STAFF // November 24, 2015

Ahead of the expected release of footage showing Chicago Police officer Jason Van Dyke fatally shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, Chicago Public Schools' Chief Education Officer Janice Jackson sent a letter to parents and guardians warning that students "may be upset by its violent content."

The schools chief asserts upfront that the video will not be shown in schools, but warns that "this footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs."

The letter, obtained by DNAinfo.com Chicago, continues:
"To make sure that children have a safe outlet for their questions and emotions, we have created a special toolkit that will help teachers talk to students about this incident in a sensitive and constructive way."

In part, the toolkit advises that "students continue the conversation at home."

Jackson also advises parents that counselors will be available to talk to students Wednesday.

The video is expected to be released to media Tuesday afternoon and may be broadcast on television news networks.

See the full letter sent to CPS parents and guardians:

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Emily Bittner
Communications Director
Chicago Public Schools
(773) 553-1612 direct
ebittner@cps.edu
From: Peters, Lynda
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 10:18 PM
To: Patton, Stephen; Platt, Thomas; Franklin, Liza
Cc: Notz, Jane; Ritter, Amber; McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: Re: Dumke FOIA re: McDonald rec’d 11/24 / due 12/2 (Attorney Work Product); ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL

Lynda Peters
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FYI – Amber and I will work on this one. Confidential and privileged communication.

From: Mick Dumke [mailto:mdumke@suntimes.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 2:36 PM
To: LAWFOIA
Subject: FOIA request

Please let me know when you receive this. Thanks.
Mick

Greetings--

This is an official request under the Illinois Freedom of Information Act. Please provide the following:

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I would appreciate it if you would respond within five working days, as required under the Illinois FOIA. If you have questions or if there are problems with this request, please let me know.
Thanks again for your time and assistance.

Mick Dumke

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Fitz is very concerned that our guidance counselors are spread too thin but she doesn't seemed interested in covering the curriculum further.

As we all know, whenever there's a big story all beats will try to find their own angle and this isn't an exception, but we had to give teacher's guidance and if we hadn't said anything you know there'd be crazy stories about how some teachers are talking about this or showing the video. Silence would not have made this better.

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City Ops/OEMC Exec: Laquan Protest Update: Protesters remain stationary at Roosevelt and Michigan...em
Weird. Thanks man

She's saying she hasn't heard from them. Matt Mcgill is her neighbor and knows how to reach her.

She says she would if we need her to.

Calling Dowell.

I think we need to monitor and may need to send someone on depending on how it starts to shape up.

iHeart media doesn't have any specific guests, though all their personalities will be discuss the video.

WVON is still trying to confirm guests but have reached out to Attorney Larry Rogers Jr., Ald. Pat Dowell, & some of the millennials who are a part of the Black Youth Project.

+Sean on Dowell
Thank you. Do you think we need anyone on or no?

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I've shared the latest fact sheet with all Latino press and have made sure they are aware the officer is no longer on duty or getting paid.

Anything else I can help with, I'm available.

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Eve, can you make sure they have latest fact sheet along with univision and telemundo and that they know he will no longer be paid.

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POLICE OFFICER GETS CHARGED FOR THE MURDER OF LAQUAN MCDONALD
HOY // MARINA KLAUKE // NOVEMBER 24, 2015
Police Officer Jason Van Dyke went to the criminal court in Cook County on Tuesday morning to face charges in the shooting death of African American teenager of 17, Laquan McDonald more than a year ago, as reported Chicago Tribune.

Jason Van Dyke, 37, turned himself in to Cook County prosecutor at 7:41 am at the criminal court of 26th St. and California Ave., records show. Van Dyke, kept his hands in his pockets, looked straight ahead and did not answer the questions reporters asked as he walked with his lawyer to the Criminal Court building Leighton. Van Dyke’s fingerprints were taken at 8:29 am and he was placed in an individual cell under observation, according to the record. Van Dyke was unarmed, but brought an inhaler used to treat asthma.

Van Dyke was scheduled to appear at a bail hearing on Tuesday at noon.

Van Dyke is charged with first-degree murder for allegedly fatally shooting Laquan McDonald, "without legal justification and with the intent to kill or do great bodily harm," according to the criminal complaint filed against him.

A video camera shows Van Dyke getting out of your car and, within seconds, unloaded 16 bullets in McDonald, said lawyers for the McDonald family.

After the first shots left on the floor McDonald, Van Dyke opened fire repeatedly on his young body lying on the ground, which became a fetal position, according to lawyers.

Police reported McDonald had PCP or PCP in his body when he died, according to the case documents. The PCP, also known as "angel dust" - can produce its consumer becomes aggressive and combative.

Van Dyke, 37, remained in administrative functions with pay, pending the outcome of its investigation, since the incident occurred in October 2014.

It is the first time a police officer in Chicago receives fees for first degree murder for a fatal incident in service since almost 35 years.

Van Dyke would face a minimum of 20 years in prison if convicted of the charge of first degree murder.

Meanwhile, Van Dyke's wife, Tiffany, created a GoFundMe page for donations for her husband's bail. However, the site did not mention the name of her husband and described as a veteran of 15 years "fighting for freedom and justice."

"It is a highly regarded and respected officer," wrote Tiffany Van Dyke. "He was in a shooting that was widely publicized in the media and ask for your patience until the facts come out at trial. We want him to come home with his family during the legal process."

Until 11 am Tuesday, donors, most of them anonymous, gave more than $ 10,000 of the $ 80,000 that was requested. The site also had an attractive number of negative comments and, shortly after 11 am, it was eliminated.

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Mayor,

The release of the video is the leading news item across the country on Tuesdays night. In addition to leading the national TV newscasts, it was on the splash page of the NYT, CNN, WSJ, Huffington Post, and USA Today among others websites. With the release of the video, the coverage is highlighting the ferocity of the officer’s actions and the rawness of the footage.

The coverage is highlighting YOUR efforts to urge calm before the video was released, but also notes how upset community members are about the developments surrounding the video. Furthermore, the coverage highlights the number of questions that protestors and commentators say still linger: why did it take so long to press charges against the officer?; why wasn’t the video released earlier?; why is the police superintendent still in power?

The following batch of coverage is separated by clips published before the release of the video and clips published after the release of the video.

After the release of the video:

**Chicago releases dash-cam video of fatal shooting after cop charged with murder**

*Tribune*

Hours after a Chicago police officer was ordered held without bond on a first-degree murder charge, the city released a shocking police dash-cam video that captured the white officer opening fire on an African American teen on a Southwest Side street, striking him 16 times and killing him.

The video is about six minutes long and appears to show 17-year-old Laquan McDonald running down the middle of Pulaski Road near 41st Street when Officer Jason Van Dyke, standing next to his SUV, opens fire.

It was released to the media after a late afternoon news conference by Superintendent Garry McCarthy and Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

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The charge comes less than a week after a Cook County judge ordered the release of a video that Emanuel's administration had long sought to keep out of public view. As the mayor urged prosecutors to conclude their investigation Monday, he met with community leaders and aldermen to defend his handling of the controversy amid criticism that City Hall has not done enough to address police misconduct.

The mayor called on religious leaders and activists to encourage peaceful demonstrations even as staff prepared for the public fallout and discussed the best way to unveil the video.

The city lost its court fight last week to keep the video under wraps when the judge ruled in favor of freelance journalist Brandon Smith, who sued under the state's open records law.
Lawyers for McDonald's family, who won a $5 million settlement from the city even before filing a lawsuit, have said none of the other officers at the scene fired a shot, according to city officials.

**Chicago Officials Release Video in Shooting of Black Teenager**

*New York Times*

Chicago’s police force has its own sometimes painful history, which by some estimates includes more than $500 million in settlements and other costs over the last decade tied to police misconduct as well as reparations for black residents who said a group of officers abused and tortured them in the 1970s and 1980s.

In April, the city agreed to pay $5 million to the McDonald family, even before a suit had formally been filed in the case.

For months, the city had refused to release the video. On Thursday, city officials reversed course after Franklin Valderrama, a Cook County judge, ordered it released. Announcing that the city would not appeal the case after being expected to, Mr. Emanuel strongly condemned the officer’s actions. Officer Van Dyke “took the law into his own hands,” the mayor said after charges were filed, “and now it’s up to the justice system to hold him accountable.”

**Chicago mayor calls for calm as police release video of officer shooting teen**

*CNN*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel is asking the people of Chicago to come together and work for peace as the city braces for potential unrest.

Police released a video Tuesday showing the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, who was killed by an officer in October 2014.

"I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding rather than become a barrier of misunderstanding. I understand that the people will be upset and will want to protest when they see this video," Emanuel said. "We as a city must rise to this moment."

**Community reacts to release of video in Laquan McDonald case**

*Chicago Tribune*

On Tuesday evening, dozens of black activists gathered on the Univeristy of Illinois Chicago campus to talk about the video's release. The group shortly after began a demonstration, marching east down Roosevelt Road. Eventually, about 150 people marched, some chanting "16 times!" Some in the group also chanted, "Don't ask me about a riot when people are dying."

The marchers blocked traffic, with Chicago police and State police trailing the group.

Parents and guardians of students in Chicago Public Schools received an email Tuesday afternoon from Janice Jackson, the district's chief education officer, alerting them of the video's release.

"This footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs," Jackson wrote.

**Marchers protest CPD handling of Laquan McDonald's murder**

*Sun Times*

As they marched, they chanted that the system is “guilty as hell” and began to walk south along State Street.

Lamon Reccord, 16, said he wants answers for his community. And he wants Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez to step down.
“I think Anita doesn’t believe in justice,” Reccord said.

There was a huge scuffle between protesters and police on Balbo between Michigan and Columbus Drive that lasted about 15 minutes.

Police and protesters were wrestling on the ground. Police officers, bikes and protesters were thrown to ground. When it was over, three protesters were hauled to the squadrol.

**Editorial: A staggering moment for Chicago**

*Tribune*

It's not enough for Emanuel and McCarthy to urge calm. It's not enough to talk about the increased training and supervision that McCarthy says have dramatically reduced the number of police shootings on his watch. The mayor and his police chief must commit to a thorough examination and overhaul of the disciplinary process. That must come with a pledge for greater transparency, so the public can see for itself how complaints against cops are resolved.

Police officers deal with dangerous situations every day. But Chicago's history of slow or no disciplinary action creates the impression that misconduct goes unpunished. That has to change. The city must make good on its promise to put cameras in every cruiser and on every cop. And it must stop trying to hide those recordings from the public.

If not for the video, it's unlikely that Van Dyke would be facing a murder charge. Chicago wouldn't be having this important discussion.

**Editorial: Justice delayed becomes justice denied**

*Chicago Sun-Times*

Events of the last year tells us we still live in a city that ducks the hard stuff.

Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez waited more than a year to press charges against Van Dyke. We don’t buy her argument, which she made again Tuesday, that she could not move faster because shootings by cops involve “highly complex” legal issues.

Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, in a similar act of ducking, declined until Tuesday to fire a police officer, Dante Servin, who shot into a crowd in 2012 and killed 22-year-old Rekia Boyd. McCarthy failed for two months to follow a police review board recommendation to terminate Servin.

When the superintendent finally did announce he would fire Servin — just hours before Van Dyke was charged and the video was released — he insisted, against all appearances, that this had nothing to do with trying to cool the public’s fury toward the police.

So it goes when justice is delayed. After awhile, nobody is inclined to believe you.

**Chicago Officials Urge Calm as Police Shooting Video Is Released**

*WSJ*

Mayor Emanuel, pastors and community activists have been meeting in recent days in the face of concerns the video could touch off violence in the nation’s third-largest city. Such cities as Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore have experienced rioting, looting and vandalism in response to police shootings. But there also have been peaceful protests in many U.S. cities amid a growing call for changes in the use of police force, particularly against black men.

At a Tuesday afternoon news conference, Mr. Emanuel also urged for peaceful protests. “It is fine to be passionate, but it is essential that it remain peaceful,” he said.

Chicago Urban League Interim President Shari Runner called for “calm and mutual respect” in a statement this week, while saying she understands the “feelings of outrage, distrust and fear.”
Other groups, such as Black Youth Project 100, a national organization of activists 35 years old and younger, declined to meet with city officials, saying attention should be put on police violence, not the potential response to the release of the video.

**Chicago releases dashcam video of Laquan McDonald’s fatal shooting**  
**MSNBC**

In the days leading up to formal charges being lodged against Van Dyke and the city’s release of the video, Chicago had begun to brace for possible unrest sparked by the raw nature of the video. Some organizers say the focus on possible violence following the release of the video is a distraction from the actual violence perpetrated against McDonald. “We are not predicting doom and gloom,” McCarthy said. “We are predicting protests.”

The mayor chimed in, calling the moment a time for the city to rise to the occasion. “This episode can be a moment of understanding and learning,” he said.

**Protesters March After City Officials Release Laquan McDonald Dash-Cam Video**  
**NBC Chicago**

Protesters gathered on the Near West Side Tuesday evening after officials released the dash-cam video showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer last year.

About 75 demonstrators gathered peacefully in the 700 block of West Maxwell during a press conference with Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, which was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Chicago officials released the dash-cam video after the press conference.

About 30 to 40 people later met inside an art gallery on Halsted Street following the release of the video. The group told NBC Chicago they had gathered to reflect on the video and discuss their emotions upon seeing it. As more people joined the group, they later marched to Roosevelt Road, about one block away, chanting "Is this a joke? They think it's a joke!"

**Dashcam Video of Laquan McDonald's Shooting Death is Released in Chicago**  
**The Root (African American newspaper)**

Because of that same graphic video, which has been described as disturbing and violent, police and city officials tried to stop its release, citing an investigation, but a judge refused their request and set its release for Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.

Fearing what the city’s reaction will be to the video, the mayor's office wanted to meet with the numerous black youth organizations that have mobilized around Laquan’s death. Those groups—including BYP 100, Black Lives Matter: Chicago, Fearless Leading by the Youth, Assata’s Daughters, #LetUsBreathe collective, We Charge Genocide and other grassroots groups—turned down that offer.

“The Mayor’s office is calling on community ‘leaders’ to control Black people’s response to the execution recorded on the dashcam video to be released,” said the groups in a statement released Monday. “It was important to deny this invitation to meet because we believe that the community has a right to respond as it sees fit. ... We also believe that leaders do not reserve the right to police people’s emotions.”

**City Releases Graphic Video Of Laquan McDonald Shooting Tuesday Afternoon**  
**CBS Chicago**

“People have the right to free speech,” McCarthy said. “They do not have the right to commit criminal acts.”

Officer Jason Van Dyke, “violated basic moral standards that bind our community together” when he shot 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, Emanuel said.

“Anyone there to uphold the law cannot act like they are above the law,” Emanuel said.
The mayor urged the city to heed to wishes of McDonald’s family and not resort to violence seen in other cities faced with police violence.

“I understand people will be upset and want to protest,” he said. “For those who choose to speak out, do it peacefully.”

“People of good faith love their city,” Emanuel said, adding the shooting “doesn’t speak to who we are.”

**McCarthy: Chicago Police Won’t Tolerate Rioting in Laquan Shooting**

DNAInfo

Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy said Tuesday that people have a right to protest in the aftermath of the release of a video showing the police shooting of a teenager but "we will be intolerant of criminal behavior."

At a press conference Tuesday at the release of the video, McCarthy said: "People have right to be angry but they do not have right to commit criminal acts. We will be intolerant of criminal behavior."

"We’re one of the world leaders in mass demonstrations, we’re prepared to facilitate peoples' First Amendment right to free speech, but we’ll be intolerant to criminal behavior," he said at the press conference which was also attended by a number of black clergymen and aldermen.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel added, "Will we use this episode and this moment to build bridges that bring us together as a city or will we allow it as a way that becomes barriers that tear us apart as a city?"

**Businesses advise tenants to prepare for protests**

Associated Press

Businesses in Chicago are advising tenants to be prepared for protests as Chicago officials release a video showing a white police officer shooting a black teenager 16 times.

Some management companies have said they intend to operate as usual but are prepared to lock down buildings if protests become unruly.

Prominent clergy members are calling for peaceful protests and civil disobedience as the city prepares to release dash-cam video of the 2014 shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. A judge last week ordered the city to publicly release the video.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy also are calling for calm, as are McDonald's parents.

Officer Jason Van Dyke was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder.

**Chicago PD finally releases video of Laquan McDonald’s shooting a year after his death**

Vox.com

Naturally, there is the human factor of manipulation of dash cameras and body cameras; the equipment must be turned on to capture the action, after all. Bystander footage can also be manipulated or edited, but on the whole, capturing such footage has been the difference between someone like former North Charleston, South Carolina, officer Michael Slager — who initially claimed he shot Walter Scott this year because Scott grabbed his Taser — going free or being held responsible for his actions, since his initial claims were dispelled by bystander footage. For many high-profile cases of police brutality and excessive force against black men in particular, the deciding factor has been the existence of video footage. Otherwise, it's the officer's word against a witness's — if there was a witness at all.

**What Police Said About The Killing Of Laquan McDonald Before The Video Showed What Really Happened**

Think Progress

On Tuesday, the video finally released, and Van Dyke was charged with murder.
The video directly contradicts the account provided to the press after McDonald’s death. McDonald does not “lunge” at the police or do anything threatening. It also shows Van Dyke firing repeatedly at McDonald after he is on the ground and motionless.

In April, police officer Michael Thomas Slager was charged with the murder of Walter Scott after a video contradicted the official police account.

Many police shootings are not captured on video, however. The prosecution of police officers for murder is extremely rare.

Mary Mitchell: 'Hideous' video tells an even more hideous story
Sun-Times

A lot of young people have been desensitized to violence because they’ve experienced it, witnessed it, suffered it or downloaded it from the Internet. Reality TV shows such as “48 Hours” tell real stories about real perpetrators and victims.

But nothing can prepare you for watching a Chicago police officer take aim at a young black man and pull the trigger 16 times.

Unfortunately, you can troll through YouTube and find other videos of police-involved shootings in other cities that are just as disgusting.

Tragically, some people even call it entertainment.

But now that the video has been made public, the city can get on with the business of addressing police brutality instead of wasting time trying to hide the truth from the world — and from us.

Before release of the video:

Black Caucus chairman: What took Alvarez so long to file charges?
Chicago Sun Times

The chairman of the City Council’s Black Caucus on Tuesday questioned why it took Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez 13 months to charge a white Chicago Police officer with first-degree murder in the shooting of an African-American teenager amid concern the court-ordered release of a dashboard camera video of the shooting may be further delayed.

Ald. Roderick Sawyer (6th) said “somebody dropped the ball” in the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald and all signs point to Alvarez, who is fighting for her political life in a contested Democratic primary against two challengers, one of whom is African-American.

“It’s politically motivated that you decide to do it at this time when you have generously had 10 months — I won’t even go back to the full 13 months — to make a determination to file charges and didn’t. Oftentimes, it takes days to make these types of determinations” when there’s an incriminating video of Van Dyke firing 16 shots into McDonald’s body, Sawyer said.

Garry McCarthy defends timing of move to fire cop in fatal shooting of woman
Chicago Tribune

Chicago police Superintendent Garry McCarthy said Tuesday that politics were not at play in his decision to fire Detective Dante Servin for a fatal 2012 off-duty shooting just hours before another one of his officers was set to be charged with first-degree murder in a separate shooting of a teenager last year.

For two months, McCarthy had been weighing the decision on whether to fire Servin for the shooting of 22-year-old Rekia Boyd, after a police review board recommended termination.
McCarthy released a statement late Monday night that he would fire Servin, a decision that coincided with news that the Cook County state’s attorney would charge officer Jason Van Dyke for first-degree murder after firing 16 rounds into 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, many of them as he lay prone in a Southwest Side street last October.

**Chicago Cop Charged With First-Degree Murder**
Slate

Van Dyke will be the 15th police officer to be charged with either murder or manslaughter this year for shooting a civilian, according to research by Philip Stinson, a criminologist at Bowling Green State University. Stinson’s research shows that between 2005 and 2014, the United States saw an average of just five officers per year facing such charges.

**Officer Who Killed Laquan McDonald Has Been Charged With Murder**
BET

Former Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder in the killing of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald in 2014. The teenager was shot 16 times. Dyke was still an officer on paid desk duty as of Tuesday.

A Cook County judge has ordered that the video of the shooting be released by Wednesday. Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel has decided not to fight the order. The shooting death of McDonald did not receive major media attention when it happened in 2014, but the case has now reached national headlines.

"Police officers are entrusted to uphold the law and to provide safety to our residents," Mayor Emanuel said in a statement, according to the Chicago Tribune. "In this case unfortunately, it appears an officer violated that trust at every level."

**Chicago community leaders expect protests over police shooting video**
Reuters

Community leaders who met with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel said they expected protests on Wednesday when the city plans to release a disturbing video of an October 2014 fatal police shooting of a black teenager.

Emanuel called in community leaders and pastors for meetings on Monday aimed at preparing for public reaction to the video. The footage from a patrol car dashboard camera is being released as a result of a judicial order stemming from a lawsuit brought by a freelance journalist.

Also on Monday, the Chicago Sun-Times reported that the officer involved would face criminal charges, citing unnamed sources. A spokeswoman for the Cook County State's Attorney's office did not respond to requests for comment.

**Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke charged in shooting death of Laquan McDonald**
Chicago Tribune

Meanwhile, Van Dyke’s wife, Tiffany, set up a GoFundMe page asking for online donations for her husband’s bond. Although the page did not mention her husband by name, it described him as a 15-year veteran officer "fighting for his freedom and justice."

"He is a highly decorated and respected officer," Tiffany Van Dyke wrote. "He was in a shooting that has been covered extensively by the media and we ask for your patience for all the facts to come out in the trial. We want him to be home with his family as we go through this judicial process."

The page asked for donations "very quickly" so Van Dyke can pay whatever bond is set and he can be home for the holidays.

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The charges would come less than a week after a Cook County judge ordered the release of the video, which Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration had long sought to keep out of public view. As Emanuel urged prosecutors to conclude their investigation Monday, he met with community leaders and aldermen to defend his handling of the controversy amid criticism that City Hall has not done enough to address police misconduct.

Ordered to release the video no later than Wednesday, the mayor called on religious leaders and activists to encourage peaceful demonstrations even as staff prepared for the public fallout and discussed the best way to unveil the video.

**Rahm Emanuel: Killer cop took ‘law into his own hands’**
*MSNBC*

Camiella Williams, a community activist who has worked closely with McDonald’s family and the loved ones of other young African-Americans killed by Chicago police, said the cry for peace is simply a diversion from the truth.

“People are planting the seed of the potential of violence in the media rather than the fact that this officer shot him 16 times,” Williams said. “People are focusing on the wrong thing thinking it’s going to be violence. No one is really focusing on how can we shift this culture, how can we prevent this from happening again, how can we indict and convict the other officers involved in unjust killings.”

**Chicago cop charged with murder for shooting black teen 16 times**
*USA Today*

City officials expect a sharp reaction to the video's release, which comes as police treatment of African-American men has become hot-button issue nationally in the aftermath of high-profile incidents in New York, Ferguson, Mo., Baltimore, North Charleston, S.C., and elsewhere in the last 18 months.

Emanuel on Monday met with several pastors, community leaders and activists, to urge peaceful protests. In a separate move, Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy announced he would move to fire a police officer who was found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter earlier this year for the 2012 shooting death of Rekia Boyd.

**Social Media:**

On social media, momentum skyrocketed following the release of the video. #LaquanMcDonald was the leading hashtag across the country. Articles about the video continue to drive most of the social media interest, and many people are tweeting their reaction to the video.

As protestors took to the streets, many news organizations and protest organizations took to Twitter to tell those following them online where the protests were headed. Media organizations provided live footage of the protests using helicopters overhead that was shared online.

Currently, commentary has consisted of: disgust for the shooting; blame for why it took so long for justice to occur; developments in the protests.

**TWITTER**

**Black Youth Project (Chicago Activists):** Marching up Roosevelt. Meet us. Laquan should be here. Rekia should be here.

**Black Youth Project (Chicago Activists):** #LaquanMcDonald was shot down. 16 times. Count to 16. The police are gang. We want justice for all Black people. Now.

**Charles Blow (NYT columnist):** #LaquanMcDonald shot within 30 seconds. #TamirRice shot within 2 seconds. Give up a damned minute at least...

**Charles Blow:** Wait, did @RahmEmanuel just say that HE hasn't seen the video?! Are we supposed to believe that? #LaquanMcDonald
Eric Zorn: Next step, CPD -- fire the liars who enabled #LaquanMcDonald attempted cover up.

Joy Reed (MSNBC contributor): Just saw the #LaquanMcDonald video. Unfolds very clearly, very quickly.

Chris Hayes (MSNBC contributor): The video is horrible, but it shows exactly what we knew it showed. #LaquanMcDonald

Roland Martin: Y’all want to watch @TVOneTV #NewsOneNow. We’re going big on the #LaquanMcDonald; #DanielHoltzclaw; Minneapolis #BlackLivesMatter shooting.

Karen Walker (Radio Host): They are worried about a fair trial for this cop in Chicago? But what fair trial did #LaquanMcDonald receive? #JudgeJuryExecutioner!

Binyamin Appelbaum (NYT reporter): If you're a Chicago resident, how do you feel about the fact that the other officers in the #LaquanMcDonald video are still on duty?

Joe Walsh: I have no doubt that @RahmEmanuel squashed the release of this video, to protect his re-election bid. #LaquanMcDonald

ABC 7: Rev. Jackson calls for firing of CPD Supt. Garry McCarthy over #LaquanMcDonald case.

Goldie Taylor (Daily Beast editor): Office Van Dyke said #LaquanMcDonald "lunged" at him. A bald faced lie.

Sherrilyn Ifill (NAACP): This is the culture of impunity we must take on as aggressively as the violence itself. #LaquanMcDonald #Enough

Casey Tolan (Fusion reporter): "They left us dead!" Couple hundred protesters keep walking, as officers bike along with them #LaquanMcDonald

Stop and Fly (Chi community leader): This didn't just start. This isn't about to end. We will fight until the violence of the system ends once and for all. #LaquanMcDonald

Shaun King (NYDN): Sadly, at this point, Justice is nowhere near the default principle for America. It comes with great effort and sacrifice.

Mekki Kendall (Community activist): Don't you ever believe that this cop would be prosecuted for killing #LaquanMcDonald without this video. I don't care what lie Rahm tells.

Ari Berman (MSNBC): It took 400 days and a judge's order for Chicago authorities to release the #LaquanMcDonald murder video

Chip Mitchell (WBEZ): On the video, I don't see #LaquanMcDonald "lunge" at the officer who shot him, as Fraternal Order of Police claimed

Sarah Karp (Freelance): CPS emails parents advice on police-shooting video... says skl counselors will b available to talk to kids

Steve Greenhouse (NYT reporter): How in the world can the police union say that #LaquanMcDonald lunged at the police before they shot him to death?

CNN: Officials calling for calm about release of video showing the shooting of #LaquanMcDonald http://cnn.it/1IeSHZ9

CNN: Officials warn video of shooting death of #LaquanMcDonald is graphic & difficult to watch http://cnn.it/1QGQLkf
MSNBC: @RahmEmanuel on #LaquanMcDonald case: "I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding"

Chicagoist: Protesters chanting "we hear the shots, bang, the police are a gang." #LaquanMcDonald

CBS National News: NOW: Protesters march Chicago streets after video of #LaquanMcDonald's shooting released http://cbsn.ws/1I9olg0

VICE: Protesters gather in the streets of Chicago after release of #LaquanMcDonald video: http://bit.ly/1NO1vqF

NBC 5: Few people seen in handcuffs, but police say no protesters in custody following release of #LaquanMcDonald video http://nbcbchi.com/rxLK4It

FACEBOOK

The Root (African American Newspaper): Now we know why Chicago police and the city fought so hard to keep this video from going public. It proves the lie police told when this young man was killed.

Dorothy Tucker (CBS reporter): The principal at Sullivan House High School says Laquan McDonald came to class everyday, was liked by classmates and always had a hug for teachers. Family friends say the 17 year old, who was a ward of the state, was just looking for someone to love him. It's clear from the video he wasn't looking for trouble with the police. He was walking away.

Shaun King (NYDN Columnist): The police execution of Chicago teenager Laquan McDonald. Not only was he walking away when he was shot, but the smoke you see coming from his body on the ground after he fell from the bullets, are the additional shots the officer fired. He was hit 16 times.

CNN: Protests are underway in Chicago after police release video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald being shot 16 times. http://cnn.it/1Xpp1PZ
Adding Rendina

On Nov 24, 2015, at 10:44 PM, Quinn, Kelley <Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Media Coverage: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – PM Update

The release of the video is the leading news item across the country on Tuesdays night. In addition to leading the national TV newscasts, it was on the splash page of the NYT, CNN, WSJ, Huffington Post, and USA Today among others websites. With the release of the video, the coverage is highlighting the ferocity of the officer’s actions and the rawness of the footage.

The coverage is highlighting the Mayor’s efforts to urge calm before the video was released, but also notes how upset community members are about the developments surrounding the video. Furthermore, the coverage highlights the number of questions that protestors and commentators say still linger: why did it take so long to press charges against the officer?; why wasn’t the video released earlier?; why is the police superintendent still in power?

The following batch of coverage is separated by clips published before the release of the video and clips published after the release of the video.

After the release of the video:

Chicago releases dash-cam video of fatal shooting after cop charged with murder
Tribune

Hours after a Chicago police officer was ordered held without bond on a first-degree murder charge, the city released a shocking police dash-cam video that captured the white officer opening fire on an African American teen on a Southwest Side street, striking him 16 times and killing him.

The video is about six minutes long and appears to show 17-year-old Laquan McDonald running down the middle of Pulaski Road near 41st Street when Officer Jason Van Dyke, standing next to his SUV, opens fire.

It was released to the media after a late afternoon news conference by Superintendent Garry McCarthy and Mayor Rahm Emanuel.

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The charge comes less than a week after a Cook County judge ordered the release of a video that Emanuel’s administration had long sought to keep out of public view. As the mayor urged prosecutors to conclude their investigation Monday, he met with community leaders and aldermen to defend his handling of the controversy amid criticism that City Hall has not done enough to address police misconduct.
From: OEMC OPERATIONS CENTER <operations.center@cityofchicago.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 11:01 PM
To: Spielfogel, David
Subject: Streem Notify Message

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

City Ops/OEMC Exec: Laquan Protest Update: Protesters have moved and become stationary at State and Congress..em
Please give me a quick call. 744-6246. Thanks.

The protest group is now at the intersection of congress and state. Blocking the intersection. Crowd size appears to be the same. 150 to 200.

There is a minor skirmish between police and protesters at roosevelt and Michigan. A lot of media in the area. So it will get plenty of coverage. I don't have details at the moment.

The group turned back north. They are at 14th and Michigan. Heading north.

Protesters leaving district 1. Heading south on state street. Best guess is they are heading to CPD HQ.
The two groups are reunited at state and Monroe. Maybe 75 people. They seem to be slowly dispersing.

Thanks, Joe.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 12:45 AM, Deal, Joe <Joe.Deal@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

A group of protesters has surrounded a squad car on Monroe btw Michigan and Wabash. They aren't doing anything. Just surrounding it. Another group of protesters are at state and Monroe. There are probably fewer than 100 in total between the two groups.

Any update? Can't tell from twitter.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 12:05 AM, Deal, Joe <Joe.Deal@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

The group is eastbound on congress away from the entrance to the expressway. They are at congress and state.

The group has both directions of congress blocked at the river.
From: Deal, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 11:23 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelye, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

The group is southbound on Franklin. South of Jackson.

From: Deal, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 11:02 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelye, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

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From: Deal, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 10:12 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelye, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

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From: Deal, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:37 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelye, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

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From: Deal, Joe
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:14 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelye, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

Protesters leaving district 1. Heading south on state street. Best guess is they are heading to CPD HQ.
Are we still at 2 arrests? And, what were those for?

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Here is a picture from in front of district 1. It looks like mostly college kids. They are trying to antagonize the line of cpd who are in front of the door.

Still around 150 people. Doesn't seem to be growing. They are in the south loop on state street heading toward cermak. Near the 1st district police station.

Any sign it's growing?
Subject: Re: Update chain

About 150 folks sitting in Michigan Avenue at balbo. This is the same group with more people in it.

From: Deal, Joe  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:38 PM 
To: Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelyea, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa  
Cc: Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

Please use this chain so we don’t drop folks. The protest is at Roosevelt and State. Human circle blocking traffic. This is a group from UIC.

From: Deal, Joe  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:22 PM 
To: Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelyea, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, (Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org); Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa  
Cc: Spielfogel, David; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: RE: Update chain

Adding a few folks. OEMC is reporting that a small group (~30 people) are headed east on Roosevelt (in the street) at Des Plaines. I will be at OEMC this evening and will report any significant activity.

From: Collins, Adam  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:16 PM 
To: Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey  
Cc: Spielfogel, David; Deal, Joe; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

Cpd is calling them to fix. They already have the fact sheet

From: Mitchell, Eileen  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:13 PM 
To: Rountree, Janey  
Cc: Spielfogel, David; Deal, Joe; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth; Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: Update chain

Get the fact sheet to them

Eileen Mitchell  
Office of the Mayor  
(312) 744-6246 (office)  
(312) (mobile)

On Nov 24, 2015, at 6:12 PM, Rountree, Janey <Janey.Rountree@cityofchicago.org> wrote:
CNN saying Laquan was killed for jaywalking. Someone may want to call them.

From: Spielfogel, David
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:02 PM
To: Rountree, Jane; Deal, Joe; Mitchell, Eileen; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth; Rountree, Janey
Subject: Update chain

Pls weigh in here if they are hearing of anything brewing so we all on the same page. Looks like a protest on South halsted. Thanks.

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City of Chicago
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On Nov 25, 2015, at 12:58 AM, Deal, Joe <Joe.Deal@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

The protest is over. I am leaving OEMC. If anything happens in the next few hours, I will let you all know.

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 12:46 AM
To: Deal, Joe
Cc: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelyea, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony; Bennett, Kenneth
Subject: Re: Update chain

Thanks, Joe.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 12:45 AM, Deal, Joe <Joe.Deal@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

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Any update? Can't tell from twitter.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 12:05 AM, Deal, Joe <Joe.Deal@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

The group is eastbound on congress away from the entrance to the expressway. They are at congress and state.
Thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 25, 2015, at 8:18 AM, Chou, Jadine <jpchou@cps.edu> wrote:

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FYI Elgie Sims was on CNN this morning. His argument was that 400 days was too long – he did not talk about GFM.

It is being held on 2 at 10. I'll send someone to get a readout.

My guess is that this is going to be along the lines of what brookins said yesterday. Sean, do you know?
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.
Date: 11/25/2015 7:58 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Quinn, Kelley" <Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org>, "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Fwd: (NEWS) WGN News at 5:30AM: Latest developments and protest in the city regarding the Laquan McDonald video

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Subject: (NEWS) WGN News at 5:30AM: Latest developments and protest in the city regarding the Laquan McDonald video

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ANCHOR: The family of Laquan McDonald, saying they wished the video would not have been released. The family released a statement in part saying... "We ask for calm in Chicago. No one understands the anger more than us but if you choose to speak out, we urge you to be peaceful. Don't resort to violence in Laquan’s name. Let his legacy be better than that." and for the most part - protests were calm. Protesters hit the streets chanting "16 times" as they made their way through the south loop last night. That's how many times McDonald was shot. The protests started shortly after the video was released. A group started walking near the U- I-C campus then headed east on Roosevelt, making their way through the loop, stopping and blocking intersections along the way. Some protesters made their way to the entrance to the Eisenhower -- blocking access to the expressway. There were some shoving matches as tensions rose, including when police blocked protesters from accessing lake shore drive. Three protesters were detained and released overnight and a fourth was arrested last night and charged with a felony this morning. Detective Van Dyke's police career included plenty of complaints filed against him. Tonya Francisco is live at city hall, with more. Tonya?

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37 year-old Jason van dyke had nothing to say as she walked into the cook county criminal courts building with his lawyer. The 14 year veteran of the force obviously feeling the weight of the murder charges. But, accusations of misconduct are nothing new for Vandyke. According to records obtained by the University of Chicago, he has had 18 complaints filed against him and putting him in the top six. The New York Times reports the complaints included using racial
slurs, unnecessarily display guns, and eight complaints of excessive force. A federal jury even awarded one of his accuser's $350,000 for injuries suffered. Van Dyke was never disciplined and CPD deemed CPD founded in complaints. Yesterday, after spending over one year on desk duty with pay for the shooting death of the 17 year-old, he was charged with first-degree murder.

ALVAREZ: This defendant's actions, shootings this on the armed man when he did not pose an immediate threat, great bodily harm or death, and the subsequent actions of shooting him while he lay on the ground after previously been struck by gunfire, there were not justified and there were not proper use of deadly force by this police officer.

HERBERT: This is a case that cannot be tried in the streets. It cannot be tried in the media. It cannot be tried on face book.

FRANCISCO: He spent the night in the cook county jail in custody. To back in court Monday. The point the judge will look at the video and determine what they'll should be set at. If convicted, he does face anywhere from 20 years in prison to life.

ANCHOR: If you choose to watch the video, we have uploaded the full version to our website. We want to warn you -- the video is graphic. You can find it at wgn t-v dot-com.
Dashcam video of a second October 2014 fatal police shooting is sitting in legal limbo. Two sources that work with the Chicago Police Department, as well as documents from a suit against the Department, and the Department’s response, confirm dash-cam video captured portions of the police shooting of 25-year-old Ronald “Ronnieman” Johnson III in the Washington Park neighborhood just eight days before the shooting death of Laquan McDonald.

Unlike the McDonald case, the Police Department denied all charges of wrongdoing by the involved officers.

According to a joint motion filed by the city and the Chicago Police Department, the incident happened at about 12:35 a.m. on October 12, 2014 near the intersection of 53rd St. and Martin Luther King Dr.

“Portions of the incident were captured on video by an in-car camera operating in one of the police vehicles on scene,” the motion reads. Like the McDonald footage, this video lacks audio.

Johnson was shot twice and died from his injuries at the University of Chicago Medical Center, court documents show. Johnson’s mother, Dorothy Holmes, filed suit in U.S. District Court 18 days after his death, alleging he was shot “without lawful justification or excuse” with “reckless indifference and disregard for [his] rights.” Attorney Michael Oppenheimer, of Erickson & Oppenheimer, a law firm that specializes in civil rights and criminal defense litigation, is representing Holmes. Oppenheimer previously represented one of the Dixmoor Five, a group of men falsely accused of the rape and murder of a teenage girl.

At the time of the shooting, police were responding to a call of shots fired in the area and saw a man who fit the description of the shooter, according to a preliminary statement from the Chicago Police Department’s Office of News Affairs. When police approached the suspect, he ran away, the release states, "A foot pursuit ensued during which time the offender pointed his weapon in the direction of the pursuing officers. As a result of this action, an officer discharged his weapon striking the offender."
CPD says it recovered a weapon at the scene of Johnson’s shooting. Holmes’ mother claims Johnson was unarmed, but a filing from her lawyer says a weapon was recovered at the scene. The Police Department filed a response requesting the court dismiss all five counts against the officer.

In May of 2015, Christopher Wallace, Senior Counsel in the city’s Law Department, filed a protective order prohibiting the publication or dissemination of video footage of the shooting until legal proceedings were finished, citing concern Holmes would “release the video footage to the media rather than utilize it strictly for the purposes of this litigation.” The order says the release could taint the jury pool, expose the officer to safety risks, and make it “impossible for the Defendants to obtain a fair trial in this matter”.

The filing argues the video is of relatively low quality, lacking audio, and “paints an incomplete picture,” but “contains graphic footage of a shooting”. The filing said both IPRA and the Cook County State’s Attorney had a copy of the video, and that Oppenheimer also saw it. Judge Edmond Chang denied the release of the video, but didn’t “preclude access to the video through FOIA,” or for Holmes to see it.

On July 1st, Oppenheimer filed a FOIA with CPD requesting the video be released. After not receiving a response, he filed a motion in August in Cook County Circuit Court asking the court to order CPD to release it. The last movement in the case came about two weeks ago, when the City filed to split the case against them from the case against the officer.

Ald. David Moore (17) said he and Ald. Michael Scott Jr. (24) asked Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Monday if there is other dashcam footage of police involved shootings “out there”.

“I specifically asked the mayor if he knew of any videos, and he said not to his knowledge,” Moore said. He plans on submitting the same question in writing to Superintendent Garry McCarthy today.
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Media Coverage: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – AM Update

All,

The release of the video was the leading news item across the country on Tuesdays night. In addition to leading the national TV newscasts, it was on the splash page of the NYT, CNN, WSJ, Huffington Post, and USA Today among others websites. With the release of the video, the coverage is highlighting the ferocity of the officer’s actions and the rawness of the footage.

The coverage is highlighting the Mayor’s efforts to urge calm before the video was released, but also notes how upset community members are about the developments surrounding the video. Furthermore, the coverage highlights the number of questions that protestors and commentators say still linger: why did it take so long to press charges against the officer; why wasn’t the video released earlier; why is the police superintendent still in power?

Chicago Officials Release Video in Shooting of Black Teenager
New York Times

Chicago’s police force has its own sometimes painful history, which by some estimates includes more than $500 million in settlements and other costs over the last decade tied to police misconduct as well as reparations for black residents who said a group of officers abused and tortured them in the 1970s and 1980s.

In April, the city agreed to pay $5 million to the McDonald family, even before a suit had formally been filed in the case.

For months, the city had refused to release the video. On Thursday, city officials reversed course after Franklin Valderrama, a Cook County judge, ordered it released. Announcing that the city would not appeal the case after being expected to, Mr. Emanuel strongly condemned the officer’s actions. Officer Van Dyke “took the law into his own hands,” the mayor said after charges were filed, “and now it’s up to the justice system to hold him accountable.”

Chicago mayor calls for calm as police release video of officer shooting teen
CNN

Mayor Rahm Emanuel is asking the people of Chicago to come together and work for peace as the city braces for potential unrest.
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Community reacts to release of video in Laquan McDonald case
Chicago Tribune

On Tuesday evening, dozens of black activists gathered on the Univeristy of Illinois Chicago campus to talk about the video's release. The group shortly after began a demonstration, marching east down Roosevelt Road. Eventually, about 150 people marched, some chanting "16 times!" Some in the group also chanted, "Don't ask me about a riot when people are dying."

The marchers blocked traffic, with Chicago police and State police trailing the group.

Parents and guardians of students in Chicago Public Schools received an email Tuesday afternoon from Janice Jackson, the district's chief education officer, alerting them of the video's release.

"This footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs," Jackson wrote.

Marchers protest CPD handling of Laquan McDonald's murder
Sun Times

As they marched, they chanted that the system is “guilty as hell” and began to walk south along State Street.

Lamon Reccord, 16, said he wants answers for his community. And he wants Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez to step down.

“I think Anita doesn’t believe in justice,” Reccord said.

There was a huge scuffle between protesters and police on Balbo between Michigan and Columbus Drive that lasted about 15 minutes.

Police and protesters were wrestling on the ground. Police officers, bikes and protesters were thrown to ground. When it was over, three protesters were hauled to the squadrol.

Editorial: A staggering moment for Chicago
Tribune

It's not enough for Emanuel and McCarthy to urge calm. It's not enough to talk about the increased training and supervision that McCarthy says have dramatically reduced the number of police shootings on his watch. The mayor and his police chief must commit to a thorough examination and overhaul of the disciplinary process. That must come with a pledge for greater transparency, so the public can see for itself how complaints against cops are resolved.
Police officers deal with dangerous situations every day. But Chicago's history of slow or no disciplinary action creates the impression that misconduct goes unpunished. That has to change. The city must make good on its promise to put cameras in every cruiser and on every cop. And it must stop trying to hide those recordings from the public.

If not for the video, it's unlikely that Van Dyke would be facing a murder charge. Chicago wouldn't be having this important discussion.

**Editorial: Justice delayed becomes justice denied**

*Chicago Sun-Times*

Events of the last year tell us we still live in a city that ducks the hard stuff.

Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez waited more than a year to press charges against Van Dyke. We don’t buy her argument, which she made again Tuesday, that she could not move faster because shootings by cops involve “highly complex” legal issues.

Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, in a similar act of ducking, declined until Tuesday to fire a police officer, Dante Servin, who shot into a crowd in 2012 and killed 22-year-old Rekia Boyd. McCarthy failed for two months to follow a police review board recommendation to terminate Servin.

When the superintendent finally did announce he would fire Servin — just hours before Van Dyke was charged and the video was released — he insisted, against all appearances, that this had nothing to do with trying to cool the public’s fury toward the police.

So it goes when justice is delayed. After awhile, nobody is inclined to believe you.

**Chicago Officials Urge Calm as Police Shooting Video Is Released**

*WSJ*

Mayor Emanuel, pastors and community activists have been meeting in recent days in the face of concerns the video could touch off violence in the nation’s third-largest city. Such cities as Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore have experienced rioting, looting and vandalism in response to police shootings. But there also have been peaceful protests in many U.S. cities amid a growing call for changes in the use of police force, particularly against black men.

At a Tuesday afternoon news conference, Mr. Emanuel also urged for peaceful protests. “It is fine to be passionate, but it is essential that it remain peaceful,” he said.

Chicago Urban League Interim President Shari Runner called for “calm and mutual respect” in a statement this week, while saying she understands the “feelings of outrage, distrust and fear.”

Other groups, such as Black Youth Project 100, a national organization of activists 35 years old and younger, declined to meet with city officials, saying attention should be put on police violence, not the potential response to the release of the video.

**Chicago releases dashcam video of Laquan McDonald’s fatal shooting**

*MSNBC*

In the days leading up to formal charges being lodged against Van Dyke and the city’s release of the video, Chicago had begun to brace for possible unrest sparked by the raw nature of the video. Some organizers say the
focus on possible violence following the release of the video is a distraction from the actual violence perpetrated against McDonald. “We are not predicting doom and gloom,” McCarthy said. “We are predicting protests.”

The mayor chimed in, calling the moment a time for the city to rise to the occasion. “This episode can be a moment of understanding and learning,” he said.

**Protesters March After City Officials Release Laquan McDonald Dash-Cam Video**

**NBC Chicago**

Protesters gathered on the Near West Side [Tuesday evening](https://www.nbcchicago.com) after officials released the dash-cam video showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer last year.

About 75 demonstrators gathered peacefully in the 700 block of West Maxwell during a press conference with Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, which was scheduled for [4:30 p.m.](https://www.nbcchicago.com). Chicago officials released the dash-cam video after the press conference.

About 30 to 40 people later met inside an art gallery on Halsted Street following the release of the video. The group told NBC Chicago they had gathered to reflect on the video and discuss their emotions upon seeing it. As more people joined the group, they later marched to Roosevelt Road, about one block away, chanting "Is this a joke? They think it's a joke!"

**Chicago protesters confront police, shut down interstate after release of Laquan McDonald video**

**The Washington Post**

Hundreds of protesters flooded streets overnight after a white police officer who fatally shot a black teenager last year was charged with first-degree murder on Tuesday and a graphic video of the killing was released.

While the demonstrations, which at times blocked some of Chicago’s busy Interstate highways, were largely peaceful, some turned confrontational during the night.

Skirmishes broke out between protesters and police, who surrounded officers after they apparently made arrests. Protesters also tried to stop a police SUV from leaving with arrestees — an effort that failed. As the sound of sirens filled the air, police were met with shouts of “16 shots” — the number of times the officer charged with murder fired at Laquan McDonald, 17, in October 2014 — and “No Black Friday!” Some protesters showed up in gas masks, and some pushed against a police line, but no smoke or tear gas came.

**Chicago protesters march as police release video of officer shooting teen**

**CNN**

Protesters took to the streets of Chicago late Tuesday after police released a graphic dash-cam video showing an officer shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

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Chicago has been preparing for protests in advance of the video's release, which was ordered by a judge to happen no later than Wednesday.
Dashcam Video of Laquan McDonald’s Shooting Death is Released in Chicago
The Root (African American newspaper)

Because of that same graphic video, which has been described as disturbing and violent, police and city officials tried to stop its release, citing an investigation, but a judge refused their request and set its release for Wednesday, the day before Thanksgiving.

Fearing what the city’s reaction will be to the video, the mayor’s office wanted to meet with the numerous black youth organizations that have mobilized around Laquan’s death. Those groups—including BYP 100, Black Lives Matter: Chicago, Fearless Leading by the Youth, Assata’s Daughters, #LetUsBreathe collective, We Charge Genocide and other grassroots groups—turned down that offer.

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“Anyone there to uphold the law cannot act like they are above the law,” Emanuel said.

The mayor urged the city to heed to wishes of McDonald’s family and not resort to violence seen in other cities faced with police violence.

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DNAInfo

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Chicago PD finally releases video of Laquan McDonald’s shooting a year after his death
Vox.com

Naturally, there is the human factor of manipulation of dash cameras and body cameras; the equipment must be turned on to capture the action, after all. Bystander footage can also be manipulated or edited, but on the whole, capturing such footage has been the difference between someone like former North Charleston, South Carolina, officer Michael Slager — who initially claimed he shot Walter Scott this year because Scott grabbed his Taser — going free or being held responsible for his actions, since his initial claims were dispelled by bystander footage. For many high-profile cases of police brutality and excessive force against black men in particular, the deciding factor has been the existence of video footage. Otherwise, it's the officer's word against a witness's — if there was a witness at all.

Chicago Releases Video of Laquan McDonald Shooting
TIME

Matthew Topic, who represents the freelance journalist who requested the video be made public, told TIME that the video should have been released sooner and that he hoped it would spur overhauls in the way the Chicago Police Department disseminated information about police-related shootings.

“I’m pretty disgusted at what it took to get this video,” Topic says. “It shouldn’t have taken a lawsuit.”

City officials have been concerned that violence like what has occurred in Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore, Md., over other deadly police shootings could occur following the video’s release. Protesters in Chicago began marching through the streets shortly after the video was made public. Several hundred people blocked traffic, with some circling police cars in an intersection and chanting “16 shots.”

What Police Said About The Killing Of Laquan McDonald Before The Video Showed What Really Happened
Think Progress

On Tuesday, the video finally released, and Van Dyke was charged with murder.
The video directly contradicts the account provided to the press after McDonald’s death. McDonald does not “lunge” at the police or do anything threatening. It also shows Van Dyke firing repeatedly at McDonald after he is on the ground and motionless.

In April, police officer Michael Thomas Slager was charged with the murder of Walter Scott after a video contradicted the official police account.

Many police shootings are not captured on video, however. The prosecution of police officers for murder is extremely rare.

**City Records Show Officer in Laquan McDonald Shooting Had Previous Complaints**

*NBC 5*

The officer accused in the violent shooting of 17-year-old LaQuan McDonald was no stranger to the agency responsible for investigating complaints against Chicago Police.

City records indicate at least 20 citizen complaints have been filed against officer Jason Van Dyke since he joined the Chicago Police Department in the summer of 2001. Four of those appear to be open investigations, but none of the others resulted in discipline against the officer.

A freelance Chicago journalist who won a landmark case forcing the release of over 50,000 complaint records, including Van Dyke’s, argues the shooting of LaQuan McDonald is a textbook example of how the system drags its feet in investigations of potential police misconduct.

**Mary Mitchell: 'Hideous' video tells an even more hideous story**

*Sun-Times*

A lot of young people have been desensitized to violence because they’ve experienced it, witnessed it, suffered it or downloaded it from the Internet. Reality TV shows such as “48 Hours” tell real stories about real perpetrators and victims.

But nothing can prepare you for watching a Chicago police officer take aim at a young black man and pull the trigger 16 times.

Unfortunately, you can troll through YouTube and find other videos of police-involved shootings in other cities that are just as disgusting.

Tragically, some people even call it entertainment.

But now that the video has been made public, the city can get on with the business of addressing police brutality instead of wasting time trying to hide the truth from the world — and from us.

**ABC7 News at 10PM: MRE and CPD Supt. McCarthy discuss Laquan McDonald case**

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*MRE: Will we use this episode and this moment to build bridges that bring us together as a city or we allow it to become a way that erects barriers that tear us apart as a city?
HORNG: The reverend Jesse Jackson tonight among those calling for the firing of Superintendent Garry McCarthy. And until that happens he says there should be unrelenting protests. Tonight anger at the office of Cook County State’s attorney Anita Alvarez. Protestors trying to push inside. Members of her staff unable to leave.
PROTESTOR: We are demanding she step down.
RUSH: She is not up for the job. And I think she should probably resign.
HORNG: Earlier, Mayor Emanuel prayed with aldermen and clergy before facing reporters with police superintendent Garry McCarthy in an appeal for calm.

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*MRE: I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding rather than become a barrier of misunderstanding.*
ANCHOR: A group of ministers called for massive protest demonstrations and a shake up at the police department. NBC5’s Katie Kim is live with more.

KIM: Reverend Jesse Jackson senior says the Mayor, the Police Superintendent, the State’s Attorney are all guilty of a crime against humanity for suppressing that shooting video for more than a year. He’s calling on protesters to be peaceful but relentless for change. Revered Jesse Jackson calls for a major shake up at the Chicago police department starting with a new superintendent. The release of graphic video showing officer Jason Van Dyke shooting teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times. For many activists, it's the final straw. He says the community cannot trust city leaders. They suppressed the video for 13 months and instead paid hush money. Last April the city settled with McDonald’s family for $5 million. A judge ordered the release of the video against the city's wishes.

JACKSON: The Mayor, I’m convinced saw the tape. The police chief saw the tape. The state's attorney saw the tape and they made a decision.

**CBS2 News at 10PM: Protest regarding Laquan McDonald case begin**
ANCHOR: We now go to CBS2’s Dana Kozlov who is on the move with protestors.
KOZLOV: Erica, the protesters are just now starting to move again. They’ve been on the move for four hours. Heading north on Michigan Avenue. They organized about four hours ago near the UIC campus and then took to the streets to make their point.
PROTESTORS: 16 shots! 16 shots!
KOZLOV: There are members of several different groups, including BYP 100 and Chicago Rising taking part in this all evening long. Protests, the goal was to shut down intersection after intersection. Initially during rush hour to make their point. That is to end police brutality and racism in the Chicago police department. But I’ll tell you, things got pretty tense at one point when some of the protesters tried to cross a police barricade and get on to Lake Shore Drive. At least one police officer, we happen to be near him was injured in that. It looked like he might have had a broken ankle or a leg. Another police officer, but we have not been able to confirm was also injured and possibly a protester or two. We also understand two or three protesters might have taken into police custody. We haven't been able to confirm that. More police vehicles right now arriving on the scene. But it was around that time that Pastor Pfleger arrived on the scene.
PFLEGER: I’m down here because I’m here for protests. I want to encourage people to be peaceful.

**ABC7 News at 5AM: Protest in the city regarding the Laquan McDonald video**
ANCHOR: With more protests expected, Chicago is on edge this morning. It is the first return to work and school since the release of the video showing the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke, who is white, is charged with murdering the black teen. This is a look at the video up to the moment of the gunfire. You can see McDonald with a knife ignoring police commands to stop, and seeming to walk away. He was shot 16 times in 15 seconds. This was the scene about five hours ago. We will show that to you. Protestors blocked congress at the river preventing anyone from getting on or off the Eisenhower. There it is. It was the end of a long day of angry demonstrations and mostly peaceful clashes with police on the streets. We have team coverage for you here this morning. Jessica D’Onofrio is live with the latest on the overnight protests. Tanja Babich is learning more about officer Van Dyke and what the video tells us. We begin with Jessica.
D’ONOFRIO: A community activist tells me three protestors were arrested, two released overnight and one still in custody at the first district. He has been charged with aggravated battery for allegedly punching a police officer. Now as you can see right there, there were several confrontations with police, pushing and shoving. Hundreds of protestors shutting down major intersections in and around the loop. Some of them getting dragged away after being told to move. They started to gather at Roosevelt and Halsted in the early evening after the Laquan McDonald shooting video was released by the city. During the clashes with police, one officer is seen limping away. Some protestors have been calling for cook county state attorney Anita Alvarez to resign.

CBS2 News at 5AM: CPD released video of Laquan McDonald and protest followed
ANCHOR: Protesters marching along downtown streets into the early overnight hours, even closing down congress parkway for a short time, this after the release of video showing a police officer killing a teenager. Now, most demonstrators were peaceful, although there were some clashes with police. We have team coverage for you this morning, but first we want to show you an image of that video. You can see Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke circled there shooting 17-year-old McDonald 16 times. Now, we have more on the fallout from the videos released for you this morning. Susanna Song live for you at police quarters, but first, Mike Puccinelli, who is at area 1 headquarter where is a number of protesters were processed last night.
PUCCINELLI: Exactly. We heard that three protesters were taken here. It didn't take long after the video was released for protesters to take to the streets of the south loop. Once they reached the downtown area and congress parkway in particular, things got pretty heated.

Social Media:
On social media, momentum skyrocketed following the release of the video. #LaquanMcDonald was the leading hashtag across the country. Articles about the video continue to drive most of the social media interest, and many people are tweeting their reaction to the video.

As protestors took to the streets, many news organizations and protest organizations took to Twitter to tell those following them online where the protests were headed. Media organizations provided live footage of the protests using helicopters overhead that was shared online.

Currently, commentary has consisted of: disgust for the shooting; blame for why it took so long for justice to occur; developments in the protests.

TWITTER

Black Youth Project (Chicago Activists):Marching up Roosevelt. Meet us. Laquan should be here. Rekia should be here.

Black Youth Project (Chicago Activists):#LaquanMcDonald was shot down. 16 times. Count to 16. The police are gang. We want justice for all Black people. Now.

Charles Blow (NYT columnist):#LaquanMcDonald shot within 30 seconds. #TamirRice shot within 2 seconds. Give up a damned minute at least...

Charles Blow: Wait, did @RahmEmanuel just say that HE hasn't seen the video?! Are we supposed to believe that? #LaquanMcDonald

Eric Zorn: Next step, CPD -- fire the liars who enabled #LaquanMcDonald attempted cover up.

Joy Reed (MSNBC contributor): Just saw the #LaquanMcDonald video. Unfolds very clearly, very quickly.
Chris Hayes (MSNBC contributor): The video is horrible, but it shows exactly what we knew it showed. #LaquanMcDonald

Roland Martin: Y’all want to watch @TVOneTV #NewsOneNow. We’re going big on the #LaquanMcDonald; #DanielHoltzclaw; Minneapolis #BlackLivesMatter shooting.

Karen Walker (Radio Host): They are worried about a fair trial for this cop in Chicago? But what fair trial did #LaquanMcDonald receive? #JudgeJuryExecutioner!

Binyamin Appelbaum (NYT reporter): If you're a Chicago resident, how do you feel about the fact that the other officers in the #LaquanMcDonald video are still on duty?

Joe Walsh: I have no doubt that @RahmEmanuel squashed the release of this video, to protect his re-election bid. #LaquanMcDonald

ABC 7: Rev. Jackson calls for firing of CPD Supt. Garry McCarthy over #LaquanMcDonald case.

Goldie Taylor (Daily Beast editor): Office Van Dyke said #LaquanMcDonald "lunged" at him. A bald faced lie.

Sherrilyn Ifill (NAACP): This is the culture of impunity we must take on as aggressively as the violence itself. #LaquanMcDonald #Enough

Casey Tolan (Fusion reporter): "They left us dead!" Couple hundred protesters keep walking, as officers bike along with them #LaquanMcDonald

Stop and Fly (Chi community leader): This didn't just start. This isn't about to end. We will fight until the violence of the system ends once and for all. #LaquanMcDonald

Shaun King (NYDN): Sadly, at this point, Justice is nowhere near the default principle for America. It comes with great effort and sacrifice.

Mekki Kendall (Community activist): Don't you ever believe that this cop would be prosecuted for killing #LaquanMcDonald without this video. I don't care what lie Rahm tells.

Ari Berman (MSNBC): It took 400 days and a judge's order for Chicago authorities to release the #LaquanMcDonald murder video

Chip Mitchell (WBEZ): On the video, I don't see #LaquanMcDonald "lunge" at the officer who shot him, as Fraternal Order of Police claimed

Sarah Karp (Freelance): CPS emails parents advice on police-shooting video... says skl counselors will b available to talk to kids

Steve Greenhouse (NYT reporter): How in the world can the police union say that #LaquanMcDonald lunged at the police before they shot him to death?

CNN: Officials calling for calm about release of video showing the shooting of #LaquanMcDonald http://cnn.it/1IeSHZ9
CNN: Officials warn video of shooting death of #LaquanMcDonald is graphic & difficult to watch http://cnn.it/1QGQLkF

MSNBC: @RahmEmanuel on #LaquanMcDonald case: "I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding"

Chicagoist: Protesters chanting "we hear the shots, bang, the police are a gang." #LaquanMcDonald

CBS National News: NOW: Protesters march Chicago streets after video of #LaquanMcDonald's shooting released http://cbsn.ws/1I9olg0

VICE: Protesters gather in the streets of Chicago after release of #LaquanMcDonald video: http://bit.ly/1NO1vqF

NBC 5: Few people seen in handcuffs, but police say no protesters in custody following release of #LaquanMcDonald video http://nbcchi.com/rxLK4It

FACEBOOK

The Root (African American Newspaper): Now we know why Chicago police and the city fought so hard to keep this video from going public. It proves the lie police told when this young man was killed.

Dorothy Tucker (CBS reporter): The principal at Sullivan House High School says Laquan McDonald came to class everyday, was liked by classmates and always had a hug for teachers. Family friends say the 17 year old, who was a ward of the state, was just looking for someone to love him. It's clear from the video he wasn't looking for trouble with the police. He was walking away.

Shaun King (NYDN Columnist): The police execution of Chicago teenager Laquan McDonald. Not only was he walking away when he was shot, but the smoke you see coming from his body on the ground after he he fell from the bullets, are the additional shots the officer fired. He was hit 16 times.

CNN: Protests are underway in Chicago after police release video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald being shot 16 times. http://cnn.it/1Xpp1PZ

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Mayor,

The release of the video was the leading news item across the country on Tuesdays night. In addition to leading the national TV newscasts, it was on the splash page of the NYT, CNN, WSJ, Huffington Post, and USA Today among others websites. With the release of the video, the coverage is highlighting the ferocity of the officer’s actions and the rawness of the footage.

The coverage is highlighting the Mayor’s efforts to urge calm before the video was released, but also notes how upset community members are about the developments surrounding the video. Furthermore, the coverage highlights the number of questions that protestors and commentators say still linger: why did it take so long to press charges against the officer?; why wasn’t the video released earlier?; why is the police superintendent still in power?

Chicago Officials Release Video in Shooting of Black Teenager
New York Times

Chicago’s police force has its own sometimes painful history, which by some estimates includes more than $500 million in settlements and other costs over the last decade tied to police misconduct as well as reparations for black residents who said a group of officers abused and tortured them in the 1970s and 1980s.

In April, the city agreed to pay $5 million to the McDonald family, even before a suit had formally been filed in the case.

For months, the city had refused to release the video. On Thursday, city officials reversed course after Franklin Valderrama, a Cook County judge, ordered it released. Announcing that the city would not appeal the case after being expected to, Mr. Emanuel strongly condemned the officer’s actions. Officer Van Dyke “took the law into his own hands,” the mayor said after charges were filed, “and now it’s up to the justice system to hold him accountable.”

Chicago mayor calls for calm as police release video of officer shooting teen
CNN

Mayor Rahm Emanuel is asking the people of Chicago to come together and work for peace as the city braces for potential unrest.
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**Community reacts to release of video in Laquan McDonald case**

**Chicago Tribune**

On Tuesday evening, dozens of black activists gathered on the University of Illinois Chicago campus to talk about the video's release. The group shortly after began a demonstration, marching east down Roosevelt Road. Eventually, about 150 people marched, some chanting "16 times!" Some in the group also chanted, "Don't ask me about a riot when people are dying."

The marchers blocked traffic, with Chicago police and State police trailing the group.

Parents and guardians of students in Chicago Public Schools received an email Tuesday afternoon from Janice Jackson, the district's chief education officer, alerting them of the video's release.

"This footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs," Jackson wrote.

**Marchers protest CPD handling of Laquan McDonald's murder**

**Sun Times**

As they marched, they chanted that the system is “guilty as hell” and began to walk south along State Street.

Lamon Reccord, 16, said he wants answers for his community. And he wants Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez to step down.

“I think Anita doesn’t believe in justice,” Reccord said.

There was a huge scuffle between protesters and police on Balbo between Michigan and Columbus Drive that lasted about 15 minutes.

Police and protesters were wrestling on the ground. Police officers, bikes and protesters were thrown to ground. When it was over, three protesters were hauled to the squadrol.

**Editorial: A staggering moment for Chicago**

**Tribune**

It's not enough for Emanuel and McCarthy to urge calm. It's not enough to talk about the increased training and supervision that McCarthy says have dramatically reduced the number of police shootings on his watch. The mayor and his police chief must commit to a thorough examination and overhaul of the disciplinary process. That must come with a pledge for greater transparency, so the public can see for itself how complaints against cops are resolved.

Police officers deal with dangerous situations every day. But Chicago's history of slow or no disciplinary action creates the impression that misconduct goes unpunished. That has to change. The city must make good on its
promise to put cameras in every cruiser and on every cop. And it must stop trying to hide those recordings from
the public.

If not for the video, it's unlikely that Van Dyke would be facing a murder charge. Chicago wouldn't be having
this important discussion.

**Editorial: Justice delayed becomes justice denied**

*Chicago Sun-Times*

Events of the last year tells us we still live in a city that ducks the hard stuff.

Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez waited more than a year to press charges against Van Dyke. We
don’t buy her argument, which she made again Tuesday, that she could not move faster because shootings by
cops involve “highly complex” legal issues.

Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, in a similar act of ducking, declined until Tuesday to fire a police officer, Dante
Servin, who shot into a crowd in 2012 and killed 22-year-old Rekia Boyd. McCarthy failed for two months to
follow a police review board recommendation to terminate Servin.

When the superintendent finally did announce he would fire Servin — just hours before Van Dyke was charged
and the video was released — he insisted, against all appearances, that this had nothing to do with trying to cool
the public’s fury toward the police.

So it goes when justice is delayed. After awhile, nobody is inclined to believe you.

**Chicago Officials Urge Calm as Police Shooting Video Is Released**

*WSJ*

Mayor Emanuel, pastors and community activists have been meeting in recent days in the face of concerns the
video could touch off violence in the nation’s third-largest city. Such cities as Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore
have experienced rioting, looting and vandalism in response to police shootings. But there also have been
peaceful protests in many U.S. cities amid a growing call for changes in the use of police force, particularly
against black men.

At a Tuesday afternoon news conference, Mr. Emanuel also urged for peaceful protests. “It is fine to be
passionate, but it is essential that it remain peaceful,” he said.

Chicago Urban League Interim President Shari Runner called for “calm and mutual respect” in a statement this
week, while saying she understands the “feelings of outrage, distrust and fear.”

Other groups, such as Black Youth Project 100, a national organization of activists 35 years old and younger,
declined to meet with city officials, saying attention should be put on police violence, not the potential response
to the release of the video.

**Chicago releases dashcam video of Laquan McDonald’s fatal shooting**

*MSNBC*

In the days leading up to formal charges being lodged against Van Dyke and the city’s release of the video,
Chicago had begun to brace for possible unrest sparked by the raw nature of the video. Some organizers say the
focus on possible violence following the release of the video is a distraction from the actual violence
perpetrated against McDonald. “We are not predicting doom and gloom,” McCarthy said. “We are predicting protests.”

The mayor chimed in, calling the moment a time for the city to rise to the occasion. “This episode can be a moment of understanding and learning,” he said.

**Protesters March After City Officials Release Laquan McDonald Dash-Cam Video**

*NBC Chicago*

Protesters gathered on the Near West Side [Tuesday evening](http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Protesters-March-After-City-Officials-Release-Laquan-McDonald-Dash-Cam-Video-360499681.html) after officials released the dash-cam video showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald by a Chicago police officer last year.

About 75 demonstrators gathered peacefully in the 700 block of West Maxwell during a press conference with Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, which was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Chicago officials released the dash-cam video after the press conference.

About 30 to 40 people later met inside an art gallery on Halsted Street following the release of the video. The group told NBC Chicago they had gathered to reflect on the video and discuss their emotions upon seeing it. As more people joined the group, they later marched to Roosevelt Road, about one block away, chanting "Is this a joke? They think it's a joke!"

**Chicago protesters confront police, shut down interstate after release of Laquan McDonald video**

*The Washington Post*

Hundreds of protesters flooded streets overnight after a white police officer who fatally shot a black teenager last year was charged with first-degree murder on Tuesday and a graphic video of the killing was released.

While the demonstrations, which at times blocked some of Chicago’s busy Interstate highways, were largely peaceful, some turned confrontational during the night.

Skirmishes broke out between protesters and police, who surrounded officers after they apparently made arrests. Protesters also tried to stop a police SUV from leaving with arrestees — an effort that failed. As the sound of sirens filled the air, police were met with shouts of “16 shots” — the number of times the officer charged with murder fired at Laquan McDonald, 17, in October 2014 — and “No Black Friday!” Some protesters showed up in gas masks, and some pushed against a police line, but no smoke or tear gas came.

**Chicago protesters march as police release video of officer shooting teen**

*CNN*

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Dashcam Video of Laquan McDonald's Shooting Death is Released in Chicago
The Root (African American newspaper)

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Associated Press

Naturally, there is the human factor of manipulation of dash cameras and body cameras; the equipment must be turned on to capture the action, after all. Bystander footage can also be manipulated or edited, but on the whole, capturing such footage has been the difference between someone like former North Charleston, South Carolina, officer Michael Slager — who initially claimed he shot Walter Scott this year because Scott grabbed his Taser — going free or being held responsible for his actions, since his initial claims were dispelled by bystander footage. For many high-profile cases of police brutality and excessive force against black men in particular, the deciding factor has been the existence of video footage. Otherwise, it's the officer's word against a witness's — if there was a witness at all.

Chicago Releases Video of Laquan McDonald Shooting

Matthew Topic, who represents the freelance journalist who requested the video be made public, told TIME that the video should have been released sooner and that he hoped it would spur overhauls in the way the Chicago Police Department disseminated information about police-related shootings.

“I’m pretty disgusted at what it took to get this video,” Topic says. “It shouldn’t have taken a lawsuit.”

City officials have been concerned that violence like what has occurred in Ferguson, Mo., and Baltimore, Md., over other deadly police shootings could occur following the video’s release. Protesters in Chicago began marching through the streets shortly after the video was made public. Several hundred people blocked traffic, with some circling police cars in an intersection and chanting “16 shots.”

What Police Said About The Killing Of Laquan McDonald Before The Video Showed What Really Happened

On Tuesday, the video finally released, and Van Dyke was charged with murder.
The video directly contradicts the account provided to the press after McDonald’s death. McDonald does not “lunge” at the police or do anything threatening. It also shows Van Dyke firing repeatedly at McDonald after he is on the ground and motionless.

In April, police officer Michael Thomas Slager was charged with the murder of Walter Scott after a video contradicted the official police account.

Many police shootings are not captured on video, however. The prosecution of police officers for murder is extremely rare.

**City Records Show Officer in Laquan McDonald Shooting Had Previous Complaints**

*NBC 5*

The officer accused in the violent shooting of 17-year-old LaQuan McDonald was no stranger to the agency responsible for investigating complaints against Chicago Police.

City records indicate at least 20 citizen complaints have been filed against officer Jason Van Dyke since he joined the Chicago Police Department in the summer of 2001. Four of those appear to be open investigations, but none of the others resulted in discipline against the officer.

A freelance Chicago journalist who won a landmark case forcing the release of over 50,000 complaint records, including Van Dyke’s, argues the shooting of LaQuan McDonald is a textbook example of how the system drags its feet in investigations of potential police misconduct.

**Mary Mitchell: 'Hideous' video tells an even more hideous story**

*Sun-Times*

A lot of young people have been desensitized to violence because they’ve experienced it, witnessed it, suffered it or downloaded it from the Internet. Reality TV shows such as “48 Hours” tell real stories about real perpetrators and victims.

But nothing can prepare you for watching a Chicago police officer take aim at a young black man and pull the trigger 16 times.

Unfortunately, you can troll through YouTube and find other videos of police-involved shootings in other cities that are just as disgusting.

Tragically, some people even call it entertainment.

But now that the video has been made public, the city can get on with the business of addressing police brutality instead of wasting time trying to hide the truth from the world — and from us.

**ABC7 News at 10PM: MRE and CPD Supt. McCarthy discuss Laquan McDonald case**

*B-Roll of MRE in prayer circle, speaking at press conference*

*MRE: Will we use this episode and this moment to build bridges that bring us together as a city or we allow it to become a way that erects barriers that tear us apart as a city?*

HORNG: The reverend Jesse Jackson tonight among those calling for the firing of Superintendent Garry McCarthy. And until that happens he says there should be unrelenting protests. Tonight anger at the office of Cook County State’s attorney Anita Alvarez. Protestors trying to push inside. Members of her staff unable to leave.

PROTESTOR: We are demanding she step down.
RUSH: She is not up for the job. And I think she should probably resign.
HORNG: Earlier, Mayor Emanuel prayed with aldermen and clergy before facing reporters with police superintendent Garry McCarthy in an appeal for calm.

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*MRE: I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding rather than become a barrier of misunderstanding.
ANCHOR: A group of ministers called for massive protest demonstrations and a shake up at the police department. NBC5’s Katie Kim is live with more.
KIM: Reverend Jesse Jackson senior says the Mayor, the Police Superintendent, the State’s Attorney are all guilty of a crime against humanity for suppressing that shooting video for more than a year. He’s calling on protesters to be peaceful but relentless for change. Revered Jesse Jackson calls for a major shake up at the Chicago police department starting with a new superintendent. The release of graphic video showing officer Jason Van Dyke shooting teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times. For many activists, it’s the final straw. He says the community cannot trust city leaders. They suppressed the video for 13 months and instead paid hush money. Last April the city settled with McDonald’s family for $5 million. A judge ordered the release of the video against the city's wishes.
JACKSON: The Mayor, I’m convinced saw the tape. The police chief saw the tape. The state's attorney saw the tape and they made a decision.

**CBS2 News at 10PM: Protest regarding Laquan McDonald case begin**
ANCHOR: We now go to CBS2’s Dana Kozlov who is on the move with protestors.
KOZLOV: Erica, the protesters are just now starting to move again. They’ve been on the move for four hours. Heading north on Michigan Avenue. They organized about four hours ago near the UIC campus and then took to the streets to make their point.
PROTESTORS: 16 shots! 16 shots!
KOZLOV: There are members of several different groups, including BYP 100 and Chicago Rising taking part in this all evening long. Protests, the goal was to shut down intersection after intersection, Initially during rush hour to make their point. That is to end police brutality and racism in the Chicago police department. But I’ll tell you, things got pretty tense at one point when some of the protesters tried to cross a police barricade and get on to Lake Shore Drive. At least one police officer, we happen to be near him was injured in that. It looked like he might have had a broken ankle or a leg. Another police officer, but we have not been able to confirm was also injured and possibly a protester or two. We also understand two or three protesters might have taken into police custody. We haven't been able to confirm that. More police vehicles right now arriving on the scene. But it was around that time that Pastor Pfleger arrived on the scene.
PFLEGER: I’m down here because I’m here for protests. I want to encourage people to be peaceful.

**ABC7 News at 5AM: Protest in the city regarding the Laquan McDonald video**
ANCHOR: With more protests expected, Chicago is on edge this morning. It is the first return to work and school since the release of the video showing the shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke, who is white, is charged with murdering the black teen. This is a look at the video up to the moment of the gunfire. You can see McDonald with a knife ignoring police commands to stop, and seeming to walk away. He was shot 16 times in 15 seconds. This was the scene about five hours ago. We will show that to you. Protestors blocked congress at the river preventing anyone from getting on or off the Eisenhower. There it is. It was the end of a long day of angry demonstrations and mostly peaceful clashes with police on the streets. We have team coverage for you here this morning. Jessica D’Onofrio is live with the latest on the overnight protests. Tanja Babich is learning more about officer Van Dyke and what the video tells us. We begin with Jessica.
D’ONOFRIO: A community activist tells me three protestors were arrested, two released overnight and one still in custody at the first district. He has been charged with aggravated battery for allegedly punching a police officer. Now as you can see right there, there were several confrontations with police, pushing and shoving. Hundreds of protestors shutting down major intersections in and around the loop. Some of them getting dragged away after being told to move. They started to gather at Roosevelt and Halsted in the early evening after the Laquan McDonald shooting video was released by the city. During the clashes with police, one officer is seen limping away. Some protestors have been calling for cook county state attorney Anita Alvarez to resign.

CBS2 News at 5AM: CPD released video of Laquan McDonald and protest followed
ANCHOR: Protesters marching along downtown streets into the early overnight hours, even closing down congress parkway for a short time, this after the release of video showing a police officer killing a teenager. Now, most demonstrators were peaceful, although there were some clashes with police. We have team coverage for you this morning, but first we want to show you an image of that video. You can see Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke circled there shooting 17-year-old McDonald 16 times. Now, we have more on the fallout from the videos released for you this morning. Susanna Song live for you at police quarters, but first, Mike Puccinelli, who is at area 1 headquarter where is a number of protestors were processed last night.
PUCCINELLI: Exactly. We heard that three protesters were taken here. It didn't take long after the video was released for protestors to take to the streets of the south loop. Once they reached the downtown area and congress parkway in particular, things got pretty heated.

Social Media:
On social media, momentum skyrocketed following the release of the video. #LaquanMcDonald was the leading hashtag across the country. Articles about the video continue to drive most of the social media interest, and many people are tweeting their reaction to the video.

As protestors took to the streets, many news organizations and protest organizations took to Twitter to tell those following them online where the protests were headed. Media organizations provided live footage of the protests using helicopters overhead that was shared online.

Currently, commentary has consisted of: disgust for the shooting; blame for why it took so long for justice to occur; developments in the protests.

TWITTER

Black Youth Project (Chicago Activists):Marching up Roosevelt. Meet us. Laquan should be here. Rekia should be here.

Black Youth Project (Chicago Activists):#LaquanMcDonald was shot down. 16 times. Count to 16. The police are gang. We want justice for all Black people. Now.

Charles Blow (NYT columnist):#LaquanMcDonald shot within 30 seconds. #TamirRice shot within 2 seconds. Give up a damned minute at least...

Charles Blow: Wait, did @RahmEmanuel just say that HE hasn't seen the video?! Are we supposed to believe that? #LaquanMcDonald

Eric Zorn: Next step, CPD -- fire the liars who enabled #LaquanMcDonald attempted cover up.

Joy Reed (MSNBC contributor): Just saw the #LaquanMcDonald video. Unfolds very clearly, very quickly.
Chris Hayes (MSNBC contributor): The video is horrible, but it shows exactly what we knew it showed. #LaquanMcDonald

Roland Martin: Y’all want to watch @TVOneTV #NewsOneNow. We’re going big on the #LaquanMcDonald; #DanielHoltzclaw; Minneapolis #BlackLivesMatter shooting.

Karen Walker (Radio Host): They are worried about a fair trial for this cop in Chicago? But what fair trial did #LaquanMcDonald receive? #JudgeJuryExecutioner!

Binyamin Appelbaum (NYT reporter): If you're a Chicago resident, how do you feel about the fact that the other officers in the #LaquanMcDonald video are still on duty?

Joe Walsh: I have no doubt that @RahmEmanuel squashed the release of this video, to protect his re-election bid. #LaquanMcDonald

ABC 7: Rev. Jackson calls for firing of CPD Supt. Garry McCarthy over #LaquanMcDonald case.

Goldie Taylor (Daily Beast editor): Office Van Dyke said #LaquanMcDonald "lunged" at him. A bald faced lie.

Sherrilyn Ifill (NAACP): This is the culture of impunity we must take on as aggressively as the violence itself. #LaquanMcDonald #Enough

Casey Tolan (Fusion reporter): "They left us dead!" Couple hundred protesters keep walking, as officers bike along with them #LaquanMcDonald

Stop and Fly (Chi community leader): This didn't just start. This isn't about to end. We will fight until the violence of the system ends once and for all. #LaquanMcDonald

Shaun King (NYDN): Sadly, at this point, Justice is nowhere near the default principle for America. It comes with great effort and sacrifice.

Mekki Kendall (Community activist): Don't you ever believe that this cop would be prosecuted for killing #LaquanMcDonald without this video. I don't care what lie Rahm tells.

Ari Berman (MSNBC): It took 400 days and a judge's order for Chicago authorities to release the #LaquanMcDonald murder video

Chip Mitchell (WBEZ): On the video, I don't see #LaquanMcDonald "lunge" at the officer who shot him, as Fraternal Order of Police claimed

Sarah Karp (Freelance): CPS emails parents advice on police-shooting video... says skl counselors will b available to talk to kids

Steve Greenhouse (NYT reporter): How in the world can the police union say that #LaquanMcDonald lunged at the police before they shot him to death?

CNN: Officials calling for calm about release of video showing the shooting of #LaquanMcDonald http://cnn.it/1IeSHZ9
CNN: Officials warn video of shooting death of #LaquanMcDonald is graphic & difficult to watch [http://cnn.it/1QGQf]

MSNBC: @RahmEmanuel on #LaquanMcDonald case: "I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding"

Chicagoist: Protesters chanting "we hear the shots, bang, the police are a gang." #LaquanMcDonald

CBS National News: NOW: Protesters march Chicago streets after video of #LaquanMcDonald's shooting released [http://cbsn.ws/1I9oIg0]

VICE: Protesters gather in the streets of Chicago after release of #LaquanMcDonald video: [http://bit.ly/1NO1vqF]

NBC 5: Few people seen in handcuffs, but police say no protesters in custody following release of #LaquanMcDonald video [http://nbcchi.com/rxLK4It]

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The Root (African American Newspaper): Now we know why Chicago police and the city fought so hard to keep this video from going public. It proves the lie police told when this young man was killed.

Dorothy Tucker (CBS reporter): The principal at Sullivan House High School says Laquan McDonald came to class everyday, was liked by classmates and always had a hug for teachers. Family friends say the 17 year old, who was a ward of the state, was just looking for someone to love him. It's clear from the video he wasn't looking for trouble with the police. He was walking away.

Shaun King (NYDN Columnist): The police execution of Chicago teenager Laquan McDonald. Not only was he walking away when he was shot, but the smoke you see coming from his body on the ground after he he fell from the bullets, are the additional shots the officer fired. He was hit 16 times.

CNN: Protests are underway in Chicago after police release video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald being shot 16 times. [http://cnn.it/1Xpp1PZ]
Chicago releases dashcam video of Laquan McDonald’s fatal shooting
MSNBC – Trymaine Lee 11/24/15

“The violence in this video is shocking and upsetting,” Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin said in a statement Tuesday evening. “Our law enforcement officers protect and serve their communities with honor and courage, but those who fail to follow the high standards they have sworn to uphold must be held accountable. There is a legal process underway and that process should move forward in a fair and expeditious manner. I urge all Chicagoans to face this tragedy with peaceful resolve and not with violence.”

Echoing Durbin’s sentiment, U.S. Rep. Robin Kelly of Illinois issued the following statement late Tuesday:

“I cannot begin to fully express the depth of my outrage at the senseless killing of Laquan McDonald. The video is nothing short of horrific. I offer my condolences to the McDonald family, for whom the pain of losing their loved one has undoubtedly been compounded by having his death on public display.

Yet as horrifying as the video of his death is, it needed to be made public because the lingering questions surrounding this case are equally as disturbing. The community is right to demand straightforward answers to those questions. And I fully support this quest for truth.”

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We can send these one-offs or wait and see what we get in next several hours and compile them. Let us know.
Best/MG
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From:  Gonez, Manuel <Manuel.Gonez@cityofchicago.org>
Sent:  Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:31 PM
CHICAGO – Today, Representative Jan Schakowsky released the following statement about the first-degree murder charge filed against Officer Jason Van Dyke:

“After more than a year of investigation, Officer Jason Van Dyke has been formally charged with the murder of Laquan McDonald. I strongly support that decision. Law enforcement officers are sworn to serve and protect. It is clear that in this case, that oath was violated. I believe that these charges are not only appropriate but necessary in order to ensure that justice is done.

I also support the release of the video of the shooting. It is important that situations like these be handled with transparency. The release of this video will help resolve claims about what happened on October 20, 2014.

I encourage all who have been touched by this tragedy to honor Laquan and his family by remaining peaceful in their demonstrations regarding the events surrounding Laquan McDonald’s death.”

All the best,

Manuel Gonez III
Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel
Federal Affairs, Washington DC
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To Mayor Emanuel

In light of the Jason Van Dyke shooting, I want to report an incident that I observed last week where the Police used appropriate force to handle a situation. In Rogers Park, on November 17, I saw a white sedan that was speeding west on Farwell going the wrong way. It was chased by a police car using flashing lights, but without sirens, around 9:55 AM. The white sedan sharply turned left going south on Wayne, and it turned east on Pratt. The white sedan crashed into a red car parked on the on south side of Pratt, and the driver and passenger bolted from the car. Backup units came on the scene, and a police sergeant, along with personnel from three or four other police cars, found someone hiding in one of the backyards on Wayne.

I contacted John Warner, the coordinator for Beat 2431, and he found out that the car was stopped for a traffic violation, but the driver recklessly floored the gas pedal going west on Farwell. Later, the police found that the white sedan was stolen. A gun was found in the car that did not belong to the white sedan’s owner. The driver was arrested.

Considering that a gun was found, our police acted professionally. From my vantage point in the alley, their guns were NOT drawn when they apprehended one suspect in the backyard on Wayne. A younger patrolman used a garbage cart to jump the fence to apprehend the suspect. My thanks go to the 24th District of Chicago Police Department for handling this situation responsively and responsibly. They were at the right place and time, and may have prevented a worst situation from happening.

I posted my observations on EveryBlock:
Thank you to the Police of the 24th District.
And if I might suggest, to improve police-community relations, our city should have the return of the beat cop, where he or she becomes familiar with the community they serve. A policeman or policewoman that knows by name residents of the beat, and community knowing that officer can develop a relationship where information can be shared, resulting in an effective police presence that will deter, and that traffic stop on November 17 does send that message.

This is the kind of community policing that Alderman Joe Moore implemented in the 49th Ward, 21 years ago as I reported in the Tribune.

Steps To Take Back A Neighborhood

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A miracle is taking place on Morse Avenue in East Rogers Park. Morse, a commercial street, is undergoing a positive transformation due to the efforts of the 24th Di...

A reboot of that kind community policing can help prevent crime, and also reduce the chances that a suspect be viewed as just a target to be eliminate.

Regards,
Kang Chiu
Rogers Park

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The protest group is now at the intersection of congress and state. Blocking the intersection. Crowd size appears to be the same. 150 to 200.

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There is a minor skirmish between police and protesters at roosevelt and Michigan. A lot of media in the area. So it will get plenty of coverage. I don't have details at the moment.
The group turned back north. They are at 14th and Michigan. Heading north.

Protesters leaving district 1. Heading south on state street. Best guess is they are heading to CPD HQ.

Are we still at 2 arrests? And, what were those for?

Here is a picture from in front of district 1. It looks like mostly college kids. They are trying to antagonize the line of cpd who are in front of the door.
Still around 150 people. Doesn't seem to be growing. They are in the south loop on state street heading toward cermak. Near the 1st district police station.

Any sign it's growing?

About 150 folks sitting in Michigan Avenue at balbo. This is the same group with more people in it.

Please use this chain so we don't drop folks. The protest is at Roosevelt and State. Human circle blocking traffic. This is a group from UIC.

Adding a few folks. OEMC is reporting that a small group (~30 people) are headed east on Roosevelt (in the street) at Des Plaines. I will be at OEMC this evening and will report any significant activity.
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Cpd is calling them to fix. They already have the fact sheet

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To: Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen; Rountree, Janey; Rendina, Michael; Rapelyea, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Harte, Meghan; Henry, Vance; Hall, Abby; Laws, Lisa; Guglielmi, Anthony; Bennett, Kenneth  
Cc: Bennett, Kenneth  
Subject: Re: Update chain
Hairston says MRE should have released the video.

Press is pointing all questions to the Mayor.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

At the presser Brookins announced that he will sponsor vote of no confidence in McCarthy at the next city council meeting.

It is being held on 2 at 10. I'll send someone to get a readout.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 8:42 AM, Ewing, Clothilde <Clothilde.Ewing@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

My guess is that this is going to be along the lines of what brookins said yesterday. Sean, do you know?

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Either stick with this or use the statement I wrote, which is more assertive and should put this to bed.

Scott M. Ando

From DNAinfo

Earlier, Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez said Burger King's cameras did not capture the shooting, and that "it doesn't appear that [their video had] been tampered with."

When asked to elaborate, Alvarez said there was forensic testing done to look for tampering and there was no evidence of it. She would not say who conducted the testing, however.

I think Anita made this point yesterday too. Larry, are you able to pull that quote from her?
Anthony Guglielmi
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Date: 11/25/2015 10:08 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Bennett, Kenneth" <Kenneth.Bennett@cityofchicago.org>, Joe Deal <Joe.Deal@cityofchicago.org>, "Quinn, Kelley" <Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org>
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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 11:23 AM
To: Deal, Joe
Cc: Laws, Lisa
Subject: FW: OEMC Update
Attachments: Statement from Mayor Emanuel on Murder Charges Against Jason Van Dyke.pdf; Fact Sheet_Laquan McDonald_Nov 24_ 4pm%5b1%5d.pdf; 24 NOV 15 - CPD Releases Dash-Cam Video.pdf

Joe:

My apologies in sending this to you. Per our conversation, here's what was sent to the Public Private Task Force members yesterday evening. I adjusted the language slightly to reflect the inclusion of the documents and the if/when protests should occur language, since one was already underway by the time we got the message out.

Thanks,
Melissa

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Public/Private Task Force Representatives – Please see the OEMC update below. This is the last Task Force email update for this evening:

In our ongoing efforts to respond to requests for information about the issue, the City issued the attached press release and fact sheet along with the video from the incident this afternoon.

We know that many of you have expressed concerns regarding the release of this video. As such, we will continue to communicate the most up to date information we can regarding this issue.

If and when protests should occur, we will continue to work with our public safety partners to facilitate peaceful and safe protest activity for those who wish to exercise their First Amendment rights. As always, our public safety departments will ensure that our neighborhoods will have the appropriate resources in place throughout every community in the city.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you.

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I just asked for it. This guy below is referring to a 5 or 6 year total. IPRA publicly reports this information so I should be able to get it quickly. We typically have between 30-50 OIS a year. Also, I don't think there has been a 70% reduction but we are trying to figure out what he was talking about.

Now, in response to this, I would like to see the data.

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Also, Dorothy Holmes, mother of Ronald Johnson who was shot and killed by cops standing with them. They know his death was captured on dash cam and they are calling for that video to be released today.

Dorothy Holmes now speaks. Her son Ronald was also murdered October 2014, just before Laquan. She is asking for everyone to release video because it will demonstrate more police brutality. She has seen parts of the dash cam showing that her son was murdered. She is calling for MRE, GFC and Anita Alvarez to release it.

Also david Moore is here and he tried to stand up with the speakers but they said no politicians.
QandA:

Paris: what is the status of cop who killed your son and an investigation
Dorothy: desk duty

Derrick: can you tell us what happened
Dorothy: he was being chased and shot. Cop lied and said my son pointed a gun at him. But I saw the tape and he didn't

Maryann: was there audio on your tape
Dorothy: they turned it down. I didn't want to see it, didn't hear anything. Did see parts of it

Derrick: would you call FOP statement a lie?
Dorothy: yes, he didn't point a gun at them

Question: what is the cause here? Is it white officers against black officers causing this?
Dorothy: not just white cops but unfair cops abusing power

John Garcia: did laquan video release live up to its expectations
William colloway: pat Camden should be discredited. I believe that another dash cam is available from that shooting that should be released. Pat Camden made a mistake and this officer was wrong

Julian crews: bk video
Brandon smith: I know just as much as you know about 86 min video from Burger King. It is suspicious but if we could prove anything from it we would have.
William was the genesis of the FOIA request that resulted in the story of laquans death. There are statistics noting that 65 percent of police shooting victims are black people. That isn't right, these cant all be justified. Lot of testimony that they are not justified. I urge more to join us in the call to reform this process

Question: are you going to FOIA for Ronald Johnson
William: in process--already submitted it

John Garcia: did anything in laquan video surprise you?
Brandon: officers seemed perfunctory and protected the scene

Derrick: what was explanation you were given on why you weren't allowed into yesterday's presser at cpd
Brandon: I was told I didn't have press credentials

William now saying we need a culture change at cpd and McCarthy has got to go. They are tired of seeing black community suffer. Mayor has an opportunity to show city and country that Chicago will provide transparency. Release the tape. IPRA needs to be abolished. Need a civilian police accountability director.

Lauren Huffman
City of Chicago
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Scott M. Ando

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Good point. Let’s go with that on all inquiries. Thanks.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 11:21 AM
To: Ando, Scott; Merritt, Larry; Hirsch, Steven; Collins, Adam
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Yes. I watched her press conference. And it’s true.

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To: CPIC <CPIC@chicagopolice.org>, "Escalante, John J." <John.Escalante@chicagopolice.org>, "Johnson, Eddie T." <Eddie.Johnson@chicagopolice.org>, "Tracy, Robert" <Robert.Tracy@chicagopolice.org>, "Caluris, Steven M." <Steven.Caluris@chicagopolice.org>, "Betz, David C." <David.Betz@chicagopolice.org>
Subject: Fw: Update chain

FYI below...

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Readout from press conference.

From: Huffman, Lauren
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 11:47 AM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: FW: 1030 presser on 5

They want the Ronald Johnson tape released.

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FYI – I am working on a response to this.

Our story on Black Council Caucus will include their new complaint: they were “misled” by your office into settling the Laquan McDonald case for $5M. They were “misled” about the severity of the dashcam video. Had they been given an accurate description of Ocr. Van Dyke’s actions they say they might not have okayed the settlement.

Thanks Bill.
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I just reconfirmed with CPD the accuracy of these statements. They have the same information as IPRA and the investigators in the criminal case- no evidence of tampering.

Good here. But please make sure CPD confirms accuracy. This is accurate based on the facts reported to me, and consistent with what Anita said yesterday, but we should confirm with CPD, which has the first-hand knowledge here.

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Recently I have been working to improve our schools by creating an elected school board, eliminate unfair red light cameras, and eliminate unfair discrimination by legalizing marijuana.

I remain committed to being open and accessible to my constituents. If you ever have any questions, comments, or concerns you would like to share with me,
In This Issue

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POLICE EVALUATION BILL

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The recent death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald is overwhelmingly tragic; I am deeply disturbed by the actions taken by officer Jason Van Dyke. As unacceptable conflicts between law enforcement and the communities they police continue to occur, we must address the systemic problem that is perpetuation a culture of prejudice, conflict and death.

I am troubled that it took the Mayor of Chicago, the State's Attorney, and other city elected officials nearly 400 days to bring a murder charge and release the video.

This is an embarrassing stain on our city's ability to bring justice to our black and brown communities. It reflects on how the leadership in the Chicago Police Department trains and monitors their officers. Police need to be held accountable for their actions whether they are in or out of uniform.

Therefore, I am working to address this problem by sponsoring legislation that will require police officers in Illinois to complete a psychiatric checkup every 5 years to prove they are capable of policing in an effective manner.

Additionally, I am sponsoring a bill that requires police to obtain personal liability insurance, which will cover injury, property damage, and court costs in cases of police misconduct for both the officer and victim.

I have the utmost respect for our law enforcement who risk their lives to keep our families safe. Over the last 20 years, I consistently advocated for the support of our officers and seek to continue to collaborate in improving the universal standard for evaluations.

MAJOR BILLS PASSED BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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Private Cook County hospitals and nursing homes with over 100 beds are to encourage small or minority-, women-, veteran-owned businesses to participate in their capital projects.

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Provides that an electric company or alternative retail electric supplier may not charge an early termination fee in excess of $50.00

NOVEMBER LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States. Lung cancer is an aggressive disease in which the cells in the lung begin to grow out of control, forming tumors. It can spread very quickly throughout the body. Lung cancer affects people who smoke and people who do not smoke.

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EDUCATION INITIATIVES
As the chairman of the Higher Education Appropriations Committee and former social worker, I take the issue of educating our youth very seriously

**Elected School Board  HB 4268**

Provides for the election of members of the Chicago Board of Education be elected (Instead of appointed) and that successor Inspectors General shall be appointed by the Board instead of the Mayor.

**Transfer of School Credit  HR 333**

Requires a public community college district to accept up to 30 credit hours transferred from a non-degree granting institution (regulated and approved by the Board of Higher Education under the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 and nationally accredited by an accredited approved by the U.S. Department of Education) that has been approved by the Board as an institution from which credits may be transferred if a student has completed a medical assisting program, a medical coding program, a dental assisting program, a heating, ventilation, and air conditioning program, a welding program, or a pharmacy technician program. Provides that the program must, at a minimum, be a 9-month program and use a credit-hour system.

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Creation of a State Course Access Catalog to provide a listing of all courses authorized and available to students. Detailed information about the course, and the ability for students to submit their course enrollments. Specifies how an eligible participating student may enroll in State Course Access Program courses.
COMMUNITY EVENTS /RESOURCES

The Renaissance Collaborative Benefit Gala: "Honoring Our Heroes"
David Pierce
Joan Wood Award
Hon. Emil Jones Bridge Builder Award
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GRAMMY Camp - Weekend

The GRAMMY Foundation

GRAMMY Camp - Weekend is a one-day non-residential music industry experience where a small group (30-45) of high school students can gain an introduction to the business of music. Each weekend session concentrates on one to three career tracks (Audio Engineering, Electronic Music Production, Performance (vocal), Songwriting or Video Production). Participants leave with a better understanding of how the music business works and how they can begin to plan a successful career path. The GRAMMY Foundation partners with local teen centers and community
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Badges you can earn for this challenge

**Age:** 15-18  
**Cost:** FREE

**Type:** In Person

Register Now

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Maintaining a strong workforce is critical to strengthening our community and improving our economy. As part of my new jobs campaign, I will be posting job opportunities on my website and on my social media pages. My goal is to help as many constituents as possible find work, including non-violent ex-offenders who need a second chance. I encourage anyone who is looking for work to contact my constituent services office for information on job opportunities.

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Clo and I prepped Lori. And I’ve lined her up with TVs.

It sounds like we’ll get at least 2, 7 and 32. Possibly 5 and 9 as well.

We’re also working to set her up with NPR and Fran

Let’s do it. Would like to be involved in her prep.

Sharing the below. We’re going to need Lori out today. She's open to it

Please excuse any typos or spelling errors

Ald present: Scott, Ervin, Moore, Talifarro, Foulkes, Sawyer, Cochran, Dowell, Hairston, Mitts, Burnett, Burns, Mitchell, Brookins

Entire press corps here and all cams

Sawyer: The video released has confirmed our worst fears. It's shocking, sad and infuriating. Depicted a hainous crime. Child being shot by a police officer. What is most disturbing is that no one can say how the system has failed. We must value all of the children of Chicago, not just a payout settlement to make go away. We know there is more than one Laquan McDonald. We need transparency to build trust. Video used as ploy in political game. 400 days to indicte, but 4 hours to charge Malcolm London.
I will applaud the youth in our community for last night's actions. Malcom London is being held in jail unjustly.

Brookins: It is unacceptable that it would take a year when all the facts in this case were known the night that it happened. Alaverez said the reason why she delayed because she wanted to time a press conference with FBI and US Attorney. It is no excuse for this type of behavior. Enough is enough. We have called for resignation and termination of GFM. Will personally introduce a vote of no confidence on GFM at next City Council.

***Ervin: My question to the corporation Counsel then and now I'm asking if I was misled. We asked if the officer's actions were within the scope of duties.

Dowell: The City Council votes on Fraternal Order of Police Contract. It comes before us. Black Caucus will work to see there are tougher consequences for egregious acts with FOP contract to protect our young people.

John Byrne: The Mayor's office fought to release this. No one his blaming him. What's his role?

Hairston: we all bear a responsibility , no one is looking at IPRA, that's their sole responsibility

Ruthhart: was MRE right in fighting the release of this video for a year?

Hairston: No

Kass: did any of you tell mayor's office that he should release video

Multiple: yes

Kass: anybody think he would've been reelected had this been released during runoff

Fran: what about the timing of the settlement a week after reelection

Mary Ann: you wrote a check for 5 million and you never saw the tape

Bookins: The family was willing to take that amount. Attorneys said if we went to court it would cost more.....we were mislead. It should not have taken a full year to decide what happened.

Fran: Did the mayor purposely timed the settlement, did he sit on the settlement

Kass: would you have backed the mayor for reelection if you had seen the tape

Sawyer: deflecting MRE questions, let's focus on what's at hand, we can speculate all day

Sawyer: called Malcom London arrest a kidnapping based on her daughter's account who was there, white man threw smoke bomb and he was taken in unmarked car

Hairston: we need an independent prosecutor, there's no confidence in current states attorney

Byrne: what do you want the mayor to do to make sure this doesn't happen, sawyer avoiding question
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I propose that I get a draft message from Schenkel that he could send to a targeted group (BOMA, Greater North Michigan Ave, etc). They could include messaging from CPD to ease their anxiety.

Multiple reports now of folks targeting Mich Ave. Defer to the experts on whether they’re real, but we probably need a plan to reach out to business.

Protesters Promise to Target Chicago’s Premier Shopping District

BLOOMBERG // Mario Parker and Elizabeth Campbell // November 25, 2015

Protesters threatened to disrupt Black Friday shopping along the Midwest’s most luxurious stretch of retail in response to the release of a video showing a white Chicago police officer fatally shooting a black teenager 16 times.

Activists vowed to march along the city’s Magnificent Mile to protest police dashboard-camera footage that captured Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald even after he’d fallen to the ground. The 13-block strip includes some 460 stores, including Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale’s. Blocking off an intersection on the southern end of Chicago’s downtown Tuesday night, in mostly peaceful protests, demonstrators shouted “No Black Friday!”

“It has to be an economic hit,” Father Michael Pfleger, a Catholic priest and activist, said while walking with protesters on a breezy Chicago night. “That’s what people listen to -- money.”

Pfleger cited demonstrations on the University of Missouri’s campus. Only when the football team vowed to boycott the games that are an economic boon to the school and city of Columbia did president Tim Wolfe resign.

Speaking on a megaphone at the corner of Chicago’s Michigan Avenue and Roosevelt Road, Malcolm X. London urged nonviolence, saying he didn’t want to have to protest the killing of a demonstrator. He called for the firing of Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy and promised protests Wednesday would be bigger. He was arrested shortly after speaking.

“While on the whole last night’s demonstrations were peaceful, a few isolated incidents resulted in five arrests related to resisting arrest and assaulting police officers,” Anthony Guglielmi, a Chicago police spokesman, said in a statement.
London, 22, faces one felony count of aggravated battery to a police officer, the most serious of the charges. Allegations against others include a felony count of possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanors like resisting a police officer. There was no damage to private property, according to police. The city council’s Black Caucus called for McCarthy’s ouster Wednesday, reiterating its demand last month that Mayor Rahm Emanuel fire him. Alderman Howard Brookins is planning to file a resolution for a vote of no confidence in the police superintendent at the next council meeting. The video’s release came about seven hours after Cook County prosecutors charged Van Dyke, 37, with first-degree murder, 13 months after he killed McDonald on the city’s southwest side. It’s the first time in almost 35 years that a city officer has faced such a charge for an on-duty killing, according to the Chicago Tribune. Shortly before the city released the video Tuesday evening, Emanuel told reporters that the officer had violated the “basic standards that bind our community together.”

“Will we use this episode and this moment to build bridges that bring us together as a city, or will we allow it to become a way that erects barriers that tear us apart as a city?” he said. “It is fine to be passionate, but it is essential that it remain peaceful.”

Hundreds of protesters made their way through major streets on the city’s Near South Side on Tuesday night, attempting at various points to block expressway traffic. Tensions escalated at Balbo Drive and Michigan Avenue as police got into a shoving match with protesters. The protests in the nation’s third-largest city follow unrest in Ferguson, Missouri, and Baltimore, where black residents died after encounters with police, setting off demonstrations that escalated into violence and looting. Cook County prosecutors say Van Dyke began firing his 9 mm semiautomatic pistol about six seconds after getting out of his squad car during the October 2014 encounter. It took Van Dyke as long as 15 seconds to empty his weapon, and McDonald was lying on the ground for 13 of those seconds as his body jerked amid puffs of debris as bullets hit the pavement, according to prosecutors. Van Dyke’s lawyer, Daniel Herbert, has said the shooting was justified because the officer feared for his life. Police have said that McDonald, who had PCP in his system, had been behaving erratically and didn’t obey orders to drop a folding knife.

A University of Chicago database of police interactions with citizens shows that Van Dyke had 18 complaints filed against him since he joined the force in June 2001. In April, Chicago took the unusual step of paying McDonald’s family a $5 million settlement. The family hadn’t even filed a lawsuit, according to the Tribune. Chicago has a sordid history with police brutality. In May, the city formally apologized for 20 years of torture led by a white former commander against mostly black men. The city council unanimously approved a $5.5 million fund to provide reparations for those victims, who suffered beatings, electric shocks and simulated Russian roulette.

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Thanks, and Happy Thanksgiving,
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Let me know if you or congressman have any questions abt what is going on back home. Did your district director hop on the call? Best/MG

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Can you get your district director on?

Thanks, Melissa. We'll do our best to get the Congressman on the phone; he is traveling.
It is a member call with Mayor

**From:** Menachery, AnneRose [mailto:AnneRose.Menachery@mail.house.gov]
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 12:26 PM
**To:** Green, Melissa
**Subject:** FW: Mayor's Conference Call Update on Police Involved Shooting, November 23, 2015, 1pm CST / 2pm EST

Hi Melissa,

Our scheduler is out today, so this email was forwarded to our staff assistant. Is this a Member call or is it for staff?

Thanks,
AnneRose

AnneRose Menachery
Counsel
Congressman Luis V. Gutiérrez
(202) 225-8203

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**From:** Gonez, Manuel [mailto:Manuel.Gonez@cityofchicago.org]
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 12:19 PM
**To:** Castro, Adrienne
**Subject:** FW: Mayor's Conference Call Update on Police Involved Shooting, November 23, 2015, 1pm CST / 2pm EST

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**From:** Gonez, Manuel
**Sent:** Monday, November 23, 2015 11:54 AM
**To:** 'claire_reuschel@durbin.senate.gov'; 'rebecca_glawe@kirk.senate.gov'; 'lenette.myers@mail.house.gov';
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**Cc:** Green, Melissa; 'Koronides, Christine'
**Subject:** Mayor's Conference Call Update on Police Involved Shooting, November 23, 2015, 1pm CST / 2pm EST

**CONFERENCE CALL with the MAYOR**
**Today, November 23, 2015, 1:00 pm CST**

*Update on Police Involved Shooting*

Dear Partners,

Please join Mayor Emanuel for a briefing on the police-involved shooting of 17 year old Laquan McDonald, the city’s response, and the criminal investigation into the officer’s conduct.

I am asking for your participation on a conference call Today, November 23rd, 2015 at 1:00pm CST.

**Conference Call details**
**Today, November 23rd, 2015 at 1:00pm CST.** To join me on a conference call, please follow these instructions:
1. RSVP your participation on the call to mayorsvp@cityofchicago.org or 312-744-1718.

2. Today, November 23, 2015 at 1:00pm, dial in (800) 230-1059 to join the call. You will be asked to identify yourself by providing your first and last name. You will also be asked for the name of the call, which is “Mayor’s update.”

To increase your chance of being on the call please call 10-15 minutes prior.

All the best,

Manuel Gones III
Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel
Federal Affairs, Washington DC
O: (202) 783-0911, C: (312) 610-0186

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Rough readout of Laquan’s mom’s attorney being interviewed on MSNBC.

Everyone who has seen the video – it’s not justified.

The stories that came out that night. – where just completely false.

Laquan’s mom did not want to see the video – and hasn’t seen it. What mother would? Real concern of public reaction to video.

The family is still grieving. The mother understands the truth has to come out and be used in the prosecution. We are relived and thankfully that charges have been filed – important first step.

I can’t understand why it took so long. It had to be brought in front of a grand jury – but seems like it took a long time.

Starting Now

Caller: Charles, Political Strategist, root.com

Sharpton: here we are 14 mths later, because of a FOIA, the tape is released and now because of a miracle the prosecutor who dragged feet for 14 mths, has charged him. Was there a cover up, who was involved.

Charles: Hold the CPD, the City accountable, for the cover up. You are seeing the power of media, for the release of video and social media.

2nd thing politically, looking at it as a political strategist is that Mayor Emanuel just got elected for a second term and he won because of the black vote, it got so close he was in a run off.

Protestors are out there, shutting traffic down and they were the ones who got the Mayor in office. They are taking action to hold people accountable.
**Sharpton**: all ages of people coming out, a lot feel violated and betrayed after voting the Mayor back in. The Black Caucus also feeling this way. Mayor was Mayor at the time, there was so little action at that time, asking us for your vote. Now you are taking action? Now everyone wants to make it seem like they have been responsible and watching this.

**Charles Ellison DC Caller**: I hardly hear Father Phleger mentioned, He has been there at the front w/ us. For black on black violence and police brutality. Talks about JFK Movie, the way evidence was handled in Chicago the same as this film. We are going to deal w/ black on black time but this power the CPD feels, needs to be dealt with.

Additionally, on NBC 5 – On shortly:

**NBC Chicago @nbccchicago 4m4 minutes ago**

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**From**: Rodriguez, Eve  
**Sent**: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 12:54 PM  
**To**: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley ([Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org](mailto:Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org)); Bennett, Kenneth  
**Cc**: Klinzman, Grant; Huffman, Lauren  
**Subject**: RE: AA Radio

Sharpton taking calls from the public:

**Chris- Oak Park, IL**
- 400 days? They weren’t really trying to fire the officer. They were trying to hide this
- The Mayor was trying to get reelected in a run off w/ Garcia
- Even yesterday, the SA w/ the FOIA the judge decided the video needed to release
- The FOP said the kid lunged at the officer and the officer shot him, that’s not what happened.
- I see a racist in the eyes of that officer

**Sharpton/ Caller – Chicago, IL**
- **Caller**: He’s been in the force 14 years and he had 20 complaints. We have another shooting, Ronald Johnson running away
- **Sharpton**: When did this happen? In Chicago?
- **Caller**: Yes, look it up, the family just filled suit, and there is a trial for Commander Glen Evans who put a gun in the mouth. This is the same police department, w/ millions of dollars in settlements but they close 50 schools, we have food desserts, school desserts, We get a Mayor like Rahm Emanuel who should not have gotten elected. If you voted, you get what you deserve
- **Caller**: VanDyke had 20 different complaints on him, including aggression, slamming a man
- CPD went to BK and deleted tapes, clear evidence that CPD was trying to cover this up
- This is more than calling for the resignation of Anita Alvarez, Supt, we have to hold the City Council and the Mayor accountable.
- The City knew this was happening. The Council knew about this too.
- In Chicago we have this culture that we want the Citizens to talk to CPD, but CPD had NO INTENT on dealing w/ us. They deleted info, they paid $5 million
- **Sharpton**: They paid $5 million when the family never even sued, they gave the $$ to people who didn’t even have him in their custody.
- **Caller**: The Mother was in the process of gaining custody. We want charges of manslaughter on top of first degree murder.

Break
+ Ken Bennett

**WVON- The Al Sharpton Show (Noon- 3 p.m.) Live from NYC 877-532-5797 call –in #**

- Lots to talk about today, including the indictment of Officer VanDyke in Chicago
- 400 days they had the video, they just released it last night and prosecuted last night
- Clearly a violation of police procedure, why the holdup, who did the hold up?
- I’m repeating what I said yesterday, what I said on Morning Joe, we need a special prosecutor, not Alvarez.
- They need an investigation on the cover up, why 400 days? Who knew what? Who did what?
- We are looking at all of this today on the show.
- Rev. Marshall Hatch is the first guest.
  - yesterday was a world wind.
  - Video was released yesterday at 6:30 p.m. and officer was charged as well
  - Protests happened in 3 locations around the city, several arrests, a real tense time in Chicago
  - Black Friday is what we are focusing on, be constructive
  - Hold Anita Alvarez accountable for a 13 mth hold up
  - We need a report on everyone’s role in the delay, Mayor, Supt, Anita
  - The election is over as of April, info coming out now when it was available a year ago
  - We need to look at the timeline, hold everyone accountable
  - This case is egregious. He was a ward of the state and a settlement was made w/ the family?
  - There are going to be protest, we are asking for a special prosecutor, we have zero confidence in the SA.
  - We need a national summit of black leaders to come to Chicago to help us envision a police reform
  - We asking you to come, Mark from National Urban League, Rainbow PUSH

- Sharpton
  - A lot of people have fought for the right of analysis, when you have a young man shot 16 times in the back, it’s time to get justice

Break

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**To:** Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley (Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org)  
**Cc:** Klinzman, Grant; Huffman, Lauren  
**Subject:** RE: AA Radio

Update on AA Radio

The online streaming has been sparse, I’m trying to get a hold of a radio. Here is what I’ve heard:

**WVON – The Perri Small Show (9 am- noon)**  
-Rahm Emanuel is the problem, black people should move  
-How do you offer someone $5M and not see the video?  
-You should have him on, Perri responded, I had him on yesterday, yes I had him on yesterday  
-Listen young people, you need to get out, register to vote for this upcoming SA election, the woman is incompetent  
-Thank you Rev. Jackson for bringing all these entities together today at noon. Coming up in a few minutes.

**WGCI**
Going to continue to monitor.

From: Rodriguez, Eve  
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 10:12 AM  
To: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley (Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org)  
Cc: Klinzman, Grant; Huffman, Lauren  
Subject: AA Radio

You are listening to the Perri Small Show | Join Perri today as she will ONLY discuss the LaQuan McDonald case...  
http://fb.me/7C4j4Ocb

(Video) McDonald's family lawyer speaks on witnesses & missing Burger King video! "  
http://bit.ly/1XeXzcW

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sure - it was CEdO, we can add that.

Thanks so much, we'll send to Fitz and Juan.

On Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM, Huffman, Lauren <Lauren.Huffman@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Looks fine to me as well. But in the second bullet, to do you want to say that the CEO or CEdO’s office consulted with other major urban districts who have experience similar tragedies? I think this is a conversation Janice had, no?

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Hi - We'd like to send this soon. Any concerns?

On Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 12:49 PM, Bittner, Emily <ebittner@cps.edu> wrote:

Trib and Sun Times (Juan and Fitz) are both asking for additional details on the toolkit. Here is the background we put together for them. Let us know if this works.
Background

We heard from teachers over the weekend who were concerned they weren't prepared for how to talk about the McDonald incident and were seeking guidance.

School districts in other cities that have experienced similar incidents suggested that the District proactively communicate with teachers to help them understand how to approach this sensitive issue.

The District’s civics engagement team created the toolkit, and it was provided to high school principals as an educational resource, though not a requirement. With civics as a high school graduation requirement, the civics engagement team has provided instruction toolkits on a number of current issues. (For additional information on CPS launching civics initiatives and training teachers before the law came into effect, see more here.)

Additionally, the District wanted to provide clear guidance to principals and teachers that the video should not be shown in class.

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From: Guglielmi, Anthony <Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:10 PM
To: Rountree, Janey; Collins, Adam
Subject: FW: Questions regarding dash-cams.

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Received this inquiry today

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Office of the Police Superintendent  
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From: Gorner, Jeremy [mailto:jgorner@chicagotribune.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 1:59 PM  
To: Guglielmi, Anthony  
Subject: Questions regarding dash-cams.  
Importance: High

Hey Anthony,

We just got the other Laquan McDonald shooting incident videos from the City. We’ve got some questions:

1) In each of the five dash-cam videos provided, the sounds of the vehicles’ sirens can be heard to various degrees of clarity throughout the duration of the videos. Sometimes the sirens are very clear, sometimes the siren noises are more garbled. Was the audio suppressed. Why do the videos pick up the sounds of the sirens and not the conversations taking place inside the car, the radio traffic, or other sounds? Please explain why it appears the audio in the supplied videos has been suppressed?

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Kelley, Adam,

Chloe is out, so I am sending to you. Steve is okay with this statement coming from me. I am sure Rendina and others will want to review given the topic.

“Corporation Counsel Stephen Patton was candid and forthcoming when describing the actions of the officers and while answering questions during his testimony in front of the Finance Committee in April. Mr. Patton revealed detailed information regarding the incident and the contents of the video in an effort to help City Council members make an informed decision before voting to approve the $5 million settlement with the family of Laquan McDonald.”

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From: Marshall, Edward M [mailto:emmarshall@cbs.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 11:56 AM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Cc: Williams, James H
Subject: May I have a response?

Our story on Black Council Caucus will include their new complaint: they were “misled” by your office into settling the Laquan McDonald case for $5M. They were “misled” about the severity of the dashcam video. Had they been given an accurate description of Ocr. Van Dyke’s actions they say they might not have okayed the settlement.

Thanks Bill.

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NBC Chicago @nbcchibgo 4m4 minutes ago
WATCH LIVE: NAACP calls for "major" reforms in Chicago Police Department following Laquan McDonald video release http://nbcchi.com/1BWql0e

Hillary Clinton Statement About Laquan McDonald

“The family of Laquan McDonald and the people of Chicago deserve justice and accountability. As criminal charges proceed in this case, we also have to grapple as a country with broader questions about ensuring that all our citizens and communities protected and respected. The mothers I met recently in Chicago are right: we cannot go on like this. All over America, there are police officers honorably doing their duty, demonstrating how to protect the public without resorting to unnecessary force. We have to learn from and build on those examples. The loss of so many young African American lives taken too soon should reaffirm our commitment to press forward for progress.”

Rainbow Push Presser:
From: Huffman, Lauren
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 11:21 AM
To: Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; PRESS_LIST; Bennett, Kenneth; Deal, Joe; Ewing, Clothilde; Rountree, Janey
Subject: 1030 presser on 5

Dane placko, fox
Ed Marshall, cbs
Derrick blakley, cbs
Julian crews, WGN
Mary Ann Ahern, nbc
John Garcia, abc
Univision
Paris from chi tonight
Camera from WYCC the loop
Sebastian walker, al jazeera
Nancy Harty, WBBM am

Brandon smith, William colloway leading the presser. William is the director of a local nonprofit, and he says he asked Brandon to investigate.

They are calling for culture change at cpd. Brandon smith says journalism and activism have to work together--he says he had to take a side against police in this case. He is imploring both MRE and GFC to make some changes in the dept. 300 police shootings in one year is too many.

Also, Dorothy Holmes, mother of Ronald Johnson who was shot and killed by cops standing with them. They know his death was captured on dash cam and they are calling for that video to be released today.

Dorothy Holmes now speaks. Her son Ronald was also murdered October 2014, just before laquan. She is asking for everyone to release video because it will demonstrate more police brutality. She has seen parts of the dash cam showing that her son was murdered. She is calling for MRE, GFC and Anita Alvarez to release it

Also david Moore is here and he tried to stand up with the speakers but they said no politicians.

QandA:

Paris: what is the status of cop who killed your son and an investigation
Dorothy: desk duty

Derrick: can you tell us what happened
Dorothy: he was being chased and shot. Cop lied and said my son pointed a gun at him. But I saw the tape and he didn't

Maryann: was there audio on your tape
Dorothy: they turned it down. I didn't want to see it, didn't hear anything. Did see parts of it

Derrick: would you call FOP statement a lie?
Dorothy: yes, he didn't point a gun at them

Question: what is the cause here? Is it white officers against black officers causing this?
Dorothy: not just white cops but unfair cops abusing power
John Garcia: did laquan video release live up to its expectations
William colloway: pat Camden should be discredited. I believe that another dash cam is available from that shooting that should be released. Pat Camden made a mistake and this officer was wrong

Julian crews: bk video
Brandon smith: I know just as much as you know about 86 min video from Burger King. It is suspicious but if we could prove anything from it we would have.
William was the genesis of the FOIA request that resulted in the story of laquans death. There are statistics noting that 65 percent of police shooting victims are black people. That isn't right, these cant all be justified. Lot of testimony that they are not justified. I urge more to join us in the call to reform this process

Question: are you going to FOIA for Ronald Johnson
William: in process--already submitted it

John Garcia: did anything in laquan video surprise you?
Brandon: officers seemed perfunctory and protected the scene

Derrick: what was explanation you were given on why you weren't allowed into yesterday's presser at cpd
Brandon: I was told I didn't have press credentials

William now saying we need a culture change at cpd and McCarthy has got to go. They are tired of seeing black community suffer. Mayor has an opportunity to show city and country that Chicago will provide transparency. Release the tape. IPRA needs to be abolished. Need a civilian police accountability director.

Lauren Huffman
City of Chicago

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Call you in a bit

On Nov 25, 2015, at 2:15 PM, McCaffrey, Bill <Bill.McCaffrey@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Getting everyone on one chain.

I think these may be more appropriate for CPD to respond to. Happy to help in any way though.

We have reviewed the videos the city provided in response to our FOIA request. We have these questions we need answered as soon as possible. We will be writing a story for online on this topic soon and have much earlier than normal deadline for print because of the holiday. Please call with any questions.

1) In each of the five dash-cam videos provided, the sounds of the vehicles’ sirens can be heard to various degrees of clarity throughout the duration of the videos. Sometimes the sirens are very clear, sometimes the siren noises are more garbled. Was the audio suppressed. Why do the videos pick up the sounds of the sirens and not the conversations taking place inside the car, the radio traffic, or other sounds? Please explain why it appears the audio in the supplied videos has been suppressed?

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of the videos been truncated, edited or altered in any way? What prompted the activation and deactivation in each of the five dash-cam videos?
Protesters are at Division and Central. #ChicagoScanner

Judge told @ChloeRiley84 that she proved the media was not being responsible while the city was "enflamed."

Sounds like @ChloeRiley84 of WTTW is first #Chicago media member taken into custody during the #LaQuanMcDonald & #MalcolmLondon protests
On Nov 25, 2015, at 2:06 PM, Klinzman, Grant <Grant.Klinzman@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Just announced at Jackson presser - protest tonight at state and Jackson at 5:30.

Rough read-out of Carol Marin on MSNBC with Tamron Hall.

... Carol: At the time of the shooting there was unrest - ferguson, tough election. Police union and department each argued McDonald lunged towards officer. Said office discharged but never acknowledged 16 times. Other track is Chicago history - code of silence. Mayor argues isolated incident. But if you look at 300+ history - there are more settlements than not.

Q - deleted footage?

Burger King was cooperative - police came in but cameras were pointed other directions. Police took drivers. Brought them back. 86 minutes missing. McCarthy says nothing happened but we don't know who reviewed tape. And why 5 cars no audio or video?

Q - coverup may be as bad as critics say. 5m payoff - unprecedented settlement. Yday mre said he didn't see video.

B-roll - Mre quote from presser about JVD not representing city and not seeing tale.

5 days after run-off city tells alderman there is a disturbing case. City is generally opposed to settling and takes forever. This was very fast - remarkable. Burge took many years. Settled with koschman after many years.

FYI #laquanmcdonald is no longer trending in the U.S. or Chicago, but #FreeMalcolmLondon is the #1 in Chicago.
Also, I will note that on Chicago Tonight, one of the three ministers accused MRE of quid pro quo during meetings w/ faith based community. They claim that he said: If you don't keep your people under control, they will not be getting (gov't) jobs.
Chicago Tribune Verified account @chicagotribune  29 minutes ago
At least 3 protesters taken into custody following release of #LaquanMcDonald video
.trib.in/1I9y85F
Activists took to the streets in reaction to the release of a police dash-cam video
Tony is back

https://www.periscope.tv/w/1YqKDvXRRkDJV

On the splash page of NYT, CNN, WSJ, HuffPo, USA Today

Next step, CPD -- fire the liars who enabled #LaquanMcDonald attempted cover up.

@EricHorngABC7: Rev. Jackson calls for firing of CPD Supt. Garry McCarthy over #LaquanMcDonald case.
From: Spector, Stephen  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 7:33 PM  
To: Huffman, Lauren; Klinzman, Grant; Quinn, Kelley  
Cc: Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social

@nbccchicago 3m3 minutes ago
Few people seen in handcuffs, but police say no protesters in custody following release of  
#LaquanMcDonald video http://nbcchi.com/rxLK4It

From: Spector, Stephen  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 7:24 PM  
To: Huffman, Lauren; Klinzman, Grant; Quinn, Kelley  
Cc: Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social

https://www.periscope.tv/w/1YpKkRdmOLNxj

From: Huffman, Lauren  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:55 PM  
To: Klinzman, Grant; Spector, Stephen; Quinn, Kelley  
Cc: Collins, Adam  
Subject: Re: Social

CNN running live coverage of protest. Will probably continue into AC360 in the 7pm

From: Klinzman, Grant  
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:47 PM  
To: Spector, Stephen; Huffman, Lauren; Quinn, Kelley
And top Chicago trend

#LaquanMcDonald is trending nationwide

It was the black youth organization – they just deleted the tweet. I think we are back at Halsted and Roosevelt.

Can you send the tweet that says michigan and Roosevelt
Lauren Huffman
City of Chicago

On Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 3:07 PM -0800, "Klinzman, Grant"
<Grant.Klinzman@cityofchicago.org> wrote:
The main youth protest has been moved to Michigan and Roosevelt.
Looks like protestors are gathering at Maxwell and Halsted by Alvarez’s office.

QUOTE:

Black people please meet at Roosevelt st and Halsted Ave at 5:30pm

This is a space for Black rage for Black people.

https://www.facebook.com/events/1505404599787890/

In other, related news:

Newsweek @Newsweek 2m2 minutes ago
Two arrested after five #BlackLivesMatter protesters were shot in Minneapolis bit.ly/1ShljFM
Judge said he wants #JasonVanDyke to come back on Monday to reconsider bail and asked for prosecutors to have the video.

Judge Donald Panarese Jr. orders Chicago Police Officer #JasonVanDyke held without Bond in #LaquanMcDonald's murder.

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Cc: Collins, Adam
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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 11:26 AM
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Cc: Collins, Adam
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Edward Marshall @edmarshallcbs2  15m15 minutes ago

#LaquanMcDonald. Activists gather at 41st & Pulaski where youth was shot 16 times.
Were we aware that BK called CPD out on deleting the footage?

This is a NY Daily News reporter, but still....

Sarah Karp and 18 others follow
Burger King came out publicly and stated that Chicago Police deleted their footage on the murder of #LaquanMcDonald

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Cc: Collins, Adam
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Ed Marshall: Rev. Corey Brooks "not our fault" if video release goes "awry." If there are "riots."

Ed Marshall: #LaquanMcDonald. Rev. Ira Acree from media podium (a spot he frequents): "protests are imminent."

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Worth noting this last line in the story
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Pfleger Tells Flock to Block Mag Mile On Friday to Protest Laquan McDonald

DNAInfo
MAGNIFICENT MILE — One of the city's most outspoken activists is calling for a Black Friday protest on Michigan Avenue in response to the anticipated release of a video showing a police officer shooting teenager Laquan McDonald.
The Rev. Michael Pfleger told his parish at St. Sabina Church in Auburn Gresham to lead the protest during his homily Sunday, drawing on the legacy of "civil disobedience" established during the 1960s Civil Rights Movement.

"If you really want to make a statement: Black Friday is coming up. The number one business day," Pfleger said. "Don’t shop on Black Friday and go down to Michigan Avenue and sit down in the street and block the street on Michigan Avenue with civil disobedience peacefully, and say 'business as usual can’t go on while our children are dying.'"

The call for protest came a few days after a judge ruled the city must release dashcam video from last year showing Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting McDonald, a 17-year-old with a knife, 16 times. The video will be released by Wednesday, prompting Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other officials to brace for the subsequent outcry.

Meanwhile, Pfleger is using it as a call for families to "make a statement" on the busiest shopping day of the year, in Chicago's most prominent retail stretch, about police-involved shootings. Another Chicago police officer, Dante Servin, was acquitted of all charges earlier this year in the 2012 shooting death of 22-year-old Rekia Boyd.

"Why is Jason Van Dyke, why is he not fired?" Pfleger said during his homily. "You paid $5 million in a settlement, if you paid $5 million in a settlement you must think he’s guilty. Fire his butt."

The Sun-Times reported Monday afternoon that Van Dyke will receive criminal charges Tuesday, and the video is expected to be released at 3 p.m. Wednesday. The Cook County State's Attorney's office did not confirm that.

"The state's attorney's office has been engaged in an active and ongoing investigation into the shooting death of Laquan McDonald," a spokeswoman with the Cook County State's Attorney's Office said Monday. "We have been working with our investigative partners at the federal level to conduct a comprehensive investigation."

Pfleger's remarks drew applause throughout the mega South Side church, 1210 W. 78th St., whose audience Sunday included cast and crew of the "Chi-Raq" movie. Filmmaker Spike Lee also addressed the parish Sunday.

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Associated Press: Emanuel Meeting Ministers to Discuss Police Shooting Video

Amid concerns about possible unrest, Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel invited ministers and community activists to City Hall on Monday to discuss the upcoming release of a video that shows a white police officer fatally shooting a black teenager last year.
Seventeen-year-old Laquan McDonald was shot 16 times. Police have said he refused to drop a knife.
There is growing concern in the community about what could happen when people see the incident for themselves. A judge last week ordered the police department to release the police car dashcam footage by Wednesday.
Two ministers invited to meet with Emanuel said they think the mayor will solicit their help in preventing the kind of unrest seen in Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, after the killings of young black men by police in those cities.
"We are assuming he is going to ask us to call for calm," the Rev. Marshall Hatch said.
Emanuel's office characterized the meeting as something "we regularly do on important topics." But Hatch and the Rev. Ira Acree said it is a rare occurrence and shows the mayor is concerned there might be violence.
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The shooting occurred on Oct. 20, 2014, as police responded to a 911 call of a man carrying a knife. Lawyers for McDonald's family who have seen the video say it shows the teen with a small knife and walking away from officers. They say Officer Jason Van Dyke opens fire from about 15 feet and keeps shooting after the teen falls.
Emanuel's meeting with ministers and activists comes as residents brace both for the video's release and for word on whether Van Dyke will face criminal charges. The FBI and the Cook County State's Attorney's Office are investigating the shooting, and an announcement on state or federal charges could come as soon as this week.
Acree and Hatch said blacks in the city are upset about the shooting and because city officials and the Police Department refused for several months to release the video until ordered to do so by a judge. They said people also are angry because the officer, though stripped of his police powers, has been assigned to desk duty and not fired.
"They had the opportunity to be a good example and a model across the country on how to improve police and community relations and they missed it," Acree said.
The Police Department has said it refused to release the video out of concern that doing so would hamper the federal and state investigations. The department said placing an officer on desk duty after a shooting is standard procedure and that it is prohibited from doing anything more during the investigations.

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Fyi as I'm sure you saw, all cams are setting up in 5th floor lobby near elevators

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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:50 AM  
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Cc: Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social
From CNN - Chicago leaders urge calm before police shooting video released


From: Klinzman, Grant
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:23 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Huffman, Lauren; Spector, Stephen
Cc: Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: Social

FYI hearing that Pfleger is leading a March downtown on Wednesday. Assuming we already know about this – but if not.

From: Klinzman, Grant
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2015 11:57 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Huffman, Lauren; Spector, Stephen
Cc: Collins, Adam
Subject: Re: Social

LH/SS - can one of you do the post 12:30 presser report and I can do another status report this evening? I am not at a computer for a few hours.

From: Quinn, Kelley <kelley.quinn@cityofchicago.org>
Sent: Saturday, November 21, 2015 11:44 AM
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> On Nov 21, 2015, at 11:44 AM, Quinn, Kelley <Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org> wrote:
> 
> > Just saw this:
> > Rise Up-Stop Police Murder activists and revolutionaries will be out in downtown Chicago for actively boycottting Black Friday, November 27, 12 noon at State and Jackson, and we will be demanding that the cop and all others who have been part of the cover-up of the execution murder of Laquan McDonald be indicted for murder and all the cops who participated in this
yearlong cover-up be immediately charged.

> Also please be monitoring Facebook. I'd like a report after the Rainbow PUSH presser at 12:30. See how things trend for a half hour after.
1. Rummana Hussain @rummanahussain 2m2 minutes ago

@mikelansu @Nate_Rasmussen @ChloeRiley84 She is free. So no #FreeChloe hashtag

2. Rummana Hussain @rummanahussain 5m5 minutes ago

@ChloeRiley84 said she "apologized" and said it was "my mistake."

Adding

Judge told @ChloeRiley84 that she proved the media was not being responsible while the city was "enflamed."

Michael Lansu @mikelansu 2m2 minutes ago

Sounds like @ChloeRiley84 of WTTW is first #Chicago media member taken into custody during the #LaQuanMcDonald & #MalcolmLondon protests
Others should weigh in but I'm fine with you verbally walking her through the facts. You might want to check your reference to the plaintiffs not wanting the video out (assuming that was this case you were referencing) because his family appeared to say the opposite at a press conference today.

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Please see below concerning the Ronald Johnson case. I need your guidance, but my very strong inclination is to answer Pat’s questions about this matter.

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There is a 15-page transcript from the hearing at which Patton gave a very detailed explanation of the case. After the testimony, only two aldermen (Ervin and Laurino) asked a total of 10 questions. I am comfortable giving this to reporters. The only sensitive part is that it is dated April 13. Still, I think it would be helpful to give out to reporters covering the "misled" part.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 3:38 PM  
To: McCaffrey, Bill; Ewing, Clothilde; Rendina, Michael; Spielfogel, David; Update_List; Patton, Stephen 
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I would give him the transcript.

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Thanks Bill.
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OK but it might be helpful.

Here is the proposed revised statement. It removes any reference to Steve.

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WVON 1690AM - The Talk of Chicago

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Thank you for these. This is very helpful.

Caller, Tommy (southside):
- Disturbing is all the information coming out now about Emanuel, McCarthy, Alderman. How he lied to you when he came on your show talking about his dream for Chicago. When now it’s like shoot them, keep them quiet, pay them off, this is the time for us to recognize, understand who is with us and who is against us, time to move to change the paradigm. We need to be heard.

Cliff:
- You just said the magic word, the power of our vote can change all of this.

Danzy (Waukegan)
- Cliff, I hope I am not out of line but is Anita Alvarez this generation of Edward Hanrahan? I watched the presser and I said something is wrong.

Cliff:
- You are absolutely right, she got to go. And we have someone, we have Kim Foxx and take Alvarez right out.

Chris, Oak Park
- I’m calling about the cover-up from the beginning. The two officers were dealing w/ the issue, and then this idiot comes and shoots him, also no audio? Were there racist comments, what about people, there was traffic, and then BK video? McCarthy says nothing was deleted.......ok. Well this egregious act by this officer is a racist and a piece of crap.
- Where are all the black cops? That could have been our son, our daughter?

Cliff
- This goes to show you we need a special prosecutor, we have a primary in March, we can take her out real quick.

Chris, Oak Park
- Let’s hope the judge does the right thing.

Cliff: well the Judge is the one who did the right thing by having the tape released.

Chris: The kid was a ward of the state, the family didn’t even have custody. Rahm looks so nervous.

Cliff: Look they won, they kept this quiet until the election was over. That’s what they wanted. This whole thing is pathetic, but we have to talk about it.
**WVON- The Cliff Kelley Show (3-6 p.m.) 773-591-1690 call in-studio**
Starting now.......  
**TOPIC:** Were you a protestor last night? Or do you know anyone who was? I think they were peaceful following the execution of Laquan McDonald. I want to hear from you.

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**Caller:** Charles, Political Strategist, root.com

**Sharpton:** here we are 14 mths later, because of a FOIA, the tape is released and now because of a miracle the prosecutor who dragged feet for 14 mths, has charged him. Was there a cover up, who was involved.

**Charles:** Hold the CPD, the City accountable, for the cover up. You are seeing the power of media, for the release of video and social media. 
2nd thing politically, looking at it as a political strategist is that Mayor Emanuel just got elected for a second term and he won because of the black vote, it got so close he was in a run off. 
Protestors are out there, shutting traffic down and they were the ones who got the Mayor in office. They are taking action to hold people accountable.

**Sharpton:** all ages of people coming out, a lot feel violated and betrayed after voting the Mayor back in. The Black Caucus also feeling this way. Mayor was Mayor at the time, there was so little action at that time, asking us for your vote. Now you are taking action? Now everyone wants to make it seem like they have been responsible and watching this.

**Charles Ellison DC Caller:** I hardly hear Father Phleger mentioned, He has been there at the front w/ us. For black on black violence and police brutality. Talks about JFK Movie, the way evidence was handled in Chicago the same as this film. We are going to deal w/ black on black time but this power the CPD feels, needs to be dealt with.
Additionally, on NBC 5 – On shortly:

NBC Chicago @nbcchi @nbcchi Chicago Watch Live: Rev. Jesse Jackson plans weekend ‘sustainable protest’ across Chicago http://nbcchi.com/jv3p0CG

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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 12:54 PM
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Cc: Klinzman, Grant; Huffman, Lauren
Subject: RE: AA Radio

Sharpton taking calls from the public:

Chris- Oak Park, IL
- 400 days? They weren’t really trying to fire the officer. They were trying to hide this
- The Mayor was trying to get reelected in a run off w/ Garcia
- Even yesterday, the SA w/ the FOIA the judge decided the video needed to release
- The FOP said the kid lunged at the officer and the officer shot him, that’s not what happened.
- I see a racist in the eyes of that officer

Sharpton/ Caller – Chicago, IL
- **Caller:** He’s been in the force 14 years and he had 20 complaints. We have another shooting, Ronald Johnson running away
- **Sharpton:** When did this happen? In Chicago?
- **Caller:** Yes, look it up, the family just filled suit, and there is a trial for Commander Glen Evans who put a gun in the mouth. This is the same police department, w/ millions of dollars in settlements but they close 50 schools, we have food desserts, school desserts, We get a Mayor like Rahm Emanuel who should not have gotten elected. If you voted, you get what you deserve
- **Caller:** VanDyke had 20 different complaints on him, including aggression, slamming a man
- CPD went to BK and deleted tapes, clear evidence that CPD was trying to cover this up
- This is more than calling for the resignation of Anita Alvarez, Supt, we have to hold the City Council and the Mayor accountable.
- The City knew this was happening. The Council knew about this too.
- In Chicago we have this culture that we want the Citizens to talk to CPD, but CPD had NO INTENT on dealing w/ us. They deleted info, they paid $5 million
- **Sharpton:** They paid $5 million when the family never even sued, they gave the $$ to people who didn’t even have him in their custody.
- **Caller:** The Mother was in the process of gaining custody. We want charges of manslaughter on top of first degree murder.

Break

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+ Ken Bennett
WVON - The Al Sharpton Show (Noon- 3 p.m.) Live from NYC 877-532-5797 call –in #
- Lots to talk about today, including the indictment of Officer VanDyke in Chicago
- 400 days they had the video, they just released it last night and prosecuted last night
- Clearly a violation of police procedure, why the holdup, who did the hold up?
- I’m repeating what I said yesterday, what I said on Morning Joe, we need a special prosecutor, not Alvarez.
- They need an investigation on the cover up, why 400 days? Who knew what? Who did what?
- We are looking at all of this today on the show.
- Rev. Marshall Hatch is the first guest.
  - yesterday was a world wind.
  - Video was released yesterday at 6:30 p.m. and officer was charged as well
  - Protests happened in 3 locations around the city, several arrests, a real tense time in Chicago
  - Black Friday is what we are focusing on, be constructive
  - Hold Anita Alvarez accountable for a 13 mth hold up
  - We need a report on everyone’s role in the delay, Mayor, Supt, Anita
  - The election is over as of April, info coming out now when it was available a year ago
  - We need to look at the timeline, hold everyone accountable
  - This case is egregious. He was a ward of the state and a settlement was made w/ the family?
  - There are going to be protest, we are asking for a special prosecutor, we have zero confidence in the SA.
  - We need a national summit of black leaders to come to Chicago to help us envision a police reform
  - We asking you to come, Mark from National Urban League, Rainbow PUSH
- Sharpton
  - A lot of people have fought for the right of analysis, when you have a young man shot 16 times in the back, it’s time to get justice

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Subject: Update on AA Radio

Update on AA Radio

The online streaming has been sparse, I’m trying to get a hold of a radio. Here is what I’ve heard:

WVON – The Perri Small Show (9 am- noon)
- Rahm Emanuel is the problem, black people should move
- How do you offer someone $5M and not see the video?
- You should have him on, Perri responded, I had him on yesterday, yes I had him on yesterday
- Listen young people, you need to get out, register to vote for this upcoming SA election, the woman is incompetent
- Thank you Rev. Jackson for bringing all these entities together today at noon. Coming up in a few minutes.

WGCI
- ALL MUSIC

Going to continue to monitor.

From: Rodriguez, Eve  
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 10:12 AM  
To: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Quinn, Kelley (Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org)
You are listening to the Perri Small Show | Join Perri today as she will ONLY discuss the LaQuan McDonald case...
http://fb.me/7C4ij4Ocb

(WGCI) McDonald's family lawyer speaks on witnesses & missing Burger King video!: "http://bit.ly/1XeXzcW

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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 4:34 PM  
To: Quinn, Kelley; Collins, Adam; Guglielmi, Anthony (Anthony.Guglielmi@chicagopolice.org)  
Subject: RE: Questions on city videos

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2) The five dash-cam videos supplied include three ancillary vehicles that showed up on the scene after the shooting, but it is clear that there are five vehicles on the scene either before or during the shooting. We have video from only two. There are three cars on the scene during the shooting for which there has been no video provided, including one that is directly facing officer Van Dyke during the entirety of the shooting incident. For each of those three vehicles in which no video or audio has been provided, answer the following questions: 1) Was video/audio recorded? 2) If not, why not? 3) If so, why has it not been provided in its entirety?

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4) The videos provided all start at different times. Some begin after the vehicle is parked at the scene, some begin before the light bar is activated. Some begin en route to the scene. Have any of the videos been truncated, edited or altered in any way? What prompted the activation and deactivation in each of the five dash-cam videos?
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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 4:51 PM  
To: Klinzman, Grant; Huffman, Lauren; Quinn, Kelley  
Cc: Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social  

Tina on periscope

https://www.periscope.tv/w/aSYxqjU0MTI3Mjh8MW1yR21WZ1dlZ0xKeUVnYNSCxwr433Ww1hlNz3ninUuNxoJBQn9x9A T-DPrF  

From: Klinzman, Grant  
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 3:59 PM  
To: Huffman, Lauren; Quinn, Kelley  
Cc: Spector, Stephen; Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social  

From a tweet:

We will be marching tonight around 9 in the downtown area. Location to be determined. #LaquanMcDonald  

From: Klinzman, Grant  
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 3:17 PM  
To: Huffman, Lauren; Quinn, Kelley  
Cc: Spector, Stephen; Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social  

Explanation

https://twitter.com/rummanahussain  

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Cc: Spector, Stephen; Collins, Adam  
Subject: RE: Social  

Michael Lansu @mikelansu  2m2 minutes ago  
Sounds like @ChloeRiley84 of WTTW is first #Chicago media member taken into custody during the #LaQuanMcDonald & #MalcolmLondon protests  

Lauren Huffman  
Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel

CHAIN CONTINUES AS PREVIOUSLY PRODUCED
Here is the story.

Mother of another man fatally shot by Chicago police presses for dash-cam video

TRIBUNE // Patrick M. O'Connell // November 25, 2015

The mother of a man killed in a police shooting the same month as Laquan McDonald died urged the city to release the dash-cam video of her son's encounter with police.

Dorothy Holmes during a Wednesday news conference at City Hall accused police of lying about the events of Oct. 12, 2014, when Ronald Johnson, 25, was shot and said she sees a parallel with the McDonald case.

"I'm asking that the mayor, (police Superintendent Garry) McCarthy, (Cook County State's Attorney Anita) Alvarez release the video so that everyone can see that this officer is lying about what happened the night he murdered my son," Holmes said.

The news conference was hosted by community activist William Calloway and Brandon Smith, the freelance journalist whose work helped lead to the release of the video of Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting McDonald.

Holmes said she began to watch the McDonald video but stopped because it reminded her too much of her son's killing. Holmes said she has seen video of her son's death.

"Don't nobody want to see no video of your son getting gunned down by the people who are supposed to protect you," she said.

Calloway called for McCarthy to be fired and said there needs to be a culture change within the Police Department.

"I'm tired of seeing mothers grieve. I'm tired of seeing our community suffer," said Calloway, who heads the group Christianaire.

Holmes filed a federal lawsuit Wednesday related to her son's case. Calloway said a Freedom of Information Act request seeking the release of the Johnson video was filed with the city a few weeks ago.

Smith, who was barred from Tuesday's news conference, said city officials told him he could not attend because he did not have proper press credentials. He said there needs to be better and more transparent investigations into police shootings and more accountability from officials.

Holmes said the police treat residents like criminals, but she said police are the criminals "just hiding behind a badge and gun."

"Right now, we don't even want them in our community," Holmes said. "If they come into our community to harm us, then we don't even need them there."
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We should also send them Anita’s quote from yesterday.

“The mayor has been criticized for not releasing the video sooner. I will tell you that I believe the mayor’s decision to delay the release was in the best interest of allowing federal and state law enforcement officials to conduct our investigations and I thank him for that.”

They are asking for a statement from the MO on why the Mayor waited so long to turn over the tape. Need in 15 minutes. We are also sending the SA’s statement from yesterday. A draft of ours is below:

"This case, including the video, was turned over to prosecutors within days of the incident. As the State’s Attorney said yesterday, the course the City took was in the best interest of law enforcement officials in allowing them to conduct the investigation which put Jason Van Dyke behind bars."
Media Coverage: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 – PM Update

Coverage on Wednesday focused on the following storylines: calls for Superintendent McCarthy and State's Attorney Alvarez to resign; the release of Malcolm X London; and reflection on how the developments in recent days may change the social and political landscape in Chicago. Much of the coverage focuses on the underlying tensions around these developments: decades of mistreatment in the minority communities, lack of justice, and deep suspicions of the Chicago Police Department.

Chicago Protests Mostly Peaceful After Video of Police Shooting Is Released

New York Times

Still, some community leaders have called for more demonstrations here, including a boycott and protest on Friday, the post-Thanksgiving shopping day, of this city’s famed shopping district along North Michigan Avenue known as the Magnificent Mile.

The grainy, nighttime dashboard camera video, which a judge ordered released last week, shows the young man running and then walking past officers in the middle of the street and spinning when bullets suddenly strike him down. For a moment, lying on the ground, he moves but then is still after he appears to be shot several more times. An officer kicks an object away from his body. The video shows none of the officers on the scene offering Mr. McDonald assistance.

Chicago on edge after release of video of Laquan McDonald shooting

CNN

Wednesday had been marked as the day by which Chicago officials had to release graphic dashcam video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald's final moments and -- because of that -- the day the city could erupt.
It didn't happen quite that way, though the city is still simmering.

Protests, while filled with tension and passion, didn't lead to massive disruptions. One reason is that Jason Van Dyke, the Chicago police officer who shot McDonald 16 times on a city street, was charged Tuesday with first-degree murder.

**Black City Council members renew call for top cop's ouster over teen's shooting**

*Chicago Tribune*

Black aldermen renewed their call Wednesday for the firing of Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy over the handling of the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald by police officer Jason Van Dyke.

Members of the City Council's black caucus also said an independent prosecutor should be brought in to look into the way Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez conducted her investigation into the incident, which culminated this week in the court-ordered release of a videotape of the shooting and murder charges against Van Dyke more than a year after McDonald's death.

But while Mayor Rahm Emanuel's administration spent months fighting in court against the release of the tape, the dozen black aldermen who gathered for a City Hall news conference stopped short of leveling harsh criticism at the mayor for his role in the situation.

Asked whether the mayor's office intentionally held off on releasing the police dashboard camera video tape of Van Dyke shooting McDonald until after he won re-election earlier this year, Ald. Howard Brookins, 21st, told reporters he couldn't speculate on that.

**Black Aldermen Again Call For Ouster Of Police Supt. Garry McCarthy**

*DNAInfo*

A day after the Emanuel administration released video of the fatal police shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, the City Council Black Caucus renewed its demand that Police Supt. Garry McCarthy resign or be fired.

Ald. Howard Brookins (21st) said he planned to introduce a resolution to the City Council, calling for a vote of no confidence in McCarthy. The Black Caucus also called for McCarthy’s ouster last month, after another violent weekend in Chicago, but Mayor Rahm Emanuel has stood by his handpicked police superintendent.
The aldermen stopped short of criticizing the mayor himself for his handling of the case, including his opposition to the release of the video of Officer Jason Van Dyke fatally shooting McDonald until after a Cook County judge ordered the city to make it public.

Brookins said city attorneys led him and others to believe there was a significant reason to withhold the video while aldermen voted to approve a $5 million settlement with McDonald’s family in April, even without the family having filed a lawsuit.

**Charges dropped against poet arrested during Laquan McDonald protest march**

*Sun Times*

Charges were dropped Wednesday against a poet and community activist who had been accused of punching a Chicago Police officer in the face during protests tied to the deadly shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald.

“You are free to go,” Judge Peggy Chiampas told Malcolm X. London, as spectators cheered.

“Pipe down,” a sheriff’s deputy screamed at the protesters who had packed into the courtroom — and who had been warned earlier to maintain the proper decorum.

A California man also had been booked on felony charges and three others were given for misdemeanors following Tuesday night’s demonstrations.

The arrest London had caused a collective uproar amongst his friends and fellow protesters, who started a #FreeMalcolmLondon hashtag on Twitter and called on others to raise money to post bail.

Dozens of people Wednesday gathered at the Leighton Criminal Courthouse for the 22-year-old London’s bond hearing.

**Charges dropped against aspiring poet accused of striking a cop during Loop protest**

*Tribune*

Felony charges were dropped against an aspiring poet with a growing national reputation who had been accused of striking a police officer during a protest in the Loop in the hours after the release of the Laquan McDonald video.
Malcolm London, 22, of the 4900 block of West Huron in the Austin neighborhood, had been charged with aggravated battery to a police officer, a felony, sparking a social media outcry.

But the charge was dropped during a brief appearance at a bond hearing Wednesday and he was released to the cheers and applause of dozens of supporters.

London had faced the most serious charge of those arrested during the demonstration, which lasted for hours and briefly stopped traffic on the Eisenhower Expressway.

Police said in a statement that London "was identified as striking an on-duty Chicago police officer" in the 100 block of East Balbo Drive as police blocked protesters from marching across the bridge.

Supporters created a Free Malcolm London hashtag and urged people to call police to demand that he be released.

The Laquan McDonald Video Didn’t “Rip” Chicago Apart, but Now Its Leaders Face a Reckoning

Chicago Magazine

Chicago has not been ripped apart by the release of the video. Instead, there’s a growing consensus among activists, journalists, and some politicians that Chicago’s top leadership is particularly vulnerable right now and in dire need of taking concrete action. Nor is it mere anger and criticism; there are an endless number of concrete suggestions out there.

Yesterday the mayor, police chief, and state’s attorney called for calm from the city. And to a degree that astonished some, they got it. Time will tell if its citizens get what they want in return.

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**Black leaders call for Supt. McCarthy to resign**

**Sun Times**

Accusing the city of Chicago and Cook County state’s attorney’s office of perpetrating a cover-up in the police-involved killing of Laquan McDonald, black community leaders Wednesday called for the resignation of police Supt. Garry McCarthy and a special prosecutor to take the case away from Anita Alvarez.

They also announced a massive Black Friday demonstration at 11 a.m. on the Magnificent Mile, where they will lead a protest from Wacker Drive to the Water Tower. Others have announced a downtown protest at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

“We come together today because we are concerned about what has happened in our city,” the Rev. James Meeks said at a Rainbow PUSH news conference where young and elder community activists and clergy stood shoulder to shoulder with business leaders and elected officials from City Council, Cook County, Illinois legislature and U.S. Congress.

The cross-section of the black community was summoned by the Rev. Jesse Jackson for a closed-door meeting in the wake of Tuesday’s release of the video showing a white officer shooting the teen 16 times.

**Protesters Promise to Target Chicago's Premier Shopping District**

**Bloomberg**

Protesters threatened to disrupt Black Friday shopping along the Midwest’s most luxurious stretch of retail in response to the release of a video showing a white Chicago police officer fatally shooting a black teenager 16 times.

Activists vowed to march along the city’s Magnificent Mile to protest police dashboard-camera footage that captured Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald even after he’d fallen to the ground. The 13-block strip includes some 460 stores, including Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Bloomingdale’s.
Blocking off an intersection on the southern end of Chicago’s downtown Tuesday night, in mostly peaceful protests, demonstrators shouted “No Black Friday!”

“It has to be an economic hit,” Father Michael Pfleger, a Catholic priest and activist, said while walking with protesters on a breezy Chicago night. “That’s what people listen to -- money.”

**Rudy Giuliani blasts Chicago cop who killed teen Laquan McDonald: 'You don’t shoot a guy 16 times over slashed tires'**

New York Daily News

Rudy Giuliani has added his voice to the chorus of critics blasting the white Chicago cop charged with murder for shooting a black teenager 16 times.

The tough-on-crime former mayor said newly released video shows that Officer Jason Van Dyke went “way beyond what was necessary” in gunning down knife-wielding suspect Laquan McDonald, 17.

“I saw the tape and the tape looks horrible,” Giuliani told the Daily News Wednesday.

**Rex Huppke: Laquan McDonald and the city of two faces**

Tribune

Chicago is a city of two faces that never lock eyes. One — the face of a beautiful, powerful metropolis — we turn proudly toward the world. The other — the face of violence and intractable poverty, the face of the neighborhoods many drive around and not through — casts a gaze we try to avoid.

That’s why city officials want to downplay homicide statistics and get mad when a movie like Spike Lee’s “Chi-raq” threatens to reveal the other face. That’s why it took a year for the city to release video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald being shot to death in the street by a Chicago police officer.

That face must be hidden. We can’t look it in the eyes.

The video of Laquan’s body dropping to the pavement in a hail of 16 bullets was what we knew it would be: Horrifying. Appalling. Unconscionable.
If ever there was a time for Chicago’s two faces to look each other in the eyes, this was it.

And so Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Superintendent Garry McCarthy held a press conference and called for calm and pointed out that Officer Jason Van Dyke was being held without bond on a first-degree murder charge.

**Mary Mitchell: Honor Laquan McDonald by making liars out of haters**

*Sun Times*

Now that we’ve seen the video and have compared it to the statements made by a police representative after the shooting, it is fair to wonder if police lied about other fatal shooting incidents as well.

Because of the video, Van Dyke has now been charged with first-degree murder.

Because of the video, Laquan McDonald is more than a statistic buried in obscurity.

Because of the video, this is a clear victory for every person who demanded justice for McDonald.

Concerned citizens can’t afford to mess this up.

**Chicago Public Schools offers lesson plan for Laquan McDonald discussion**

*Sun Times*

Chicago Public Schools classrooms are closed until Monday, but district officials want to be ready for fallout from the video showing a police officer shooting Laquan McDonald when students return.

Parents received a letter Tuesday from Chief Education Officer Janice Jackson assuring them that the video of McDonald's death will not be shown in schools.

"Even so, we know that many students will likely be discussing it and may be upset by its violent content," Jackson wrote.
A six-page "tool kit" was distributed to teachers, with exercises designed to help them and their students deal with McDonald's death and the first-degree murder charges filed against Chicago police Officer Jason Van Dyke.

**Here's How The Laquan McDonald Shooting Differs From What Police Said Happened**

*Huffington Post*

The dashcam video released on Tuesday shows McDonald tugging his pants up and walking in the middle of the street after some patrol cars have already arrived on the scene. He is walking away from the officers, not lunging, when one of them, Jason Van Dyke, opens fire. McDonald spins, falls to the ground and lays there for several more seconds while Van Dyke continues to shoot him.

The Tribune reported that McDonald had been "shot in the chest and taken to Mount Sinai Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 10:42 p.m." After obtaining McDonald's autopsy report, reporter Jamie Kalven found he had actually been shot 16 times. Van Dyke has been charged with first-degree murder.

The police narrative of the killing may have gone unchallenged, were it not for Kalven, freelance journalist Brandon Smith, and Smith's attorney, Craig Futterman, who pushed for the release of the video after a whistleblower alerted them it existed.

**Hillary Clinton says Laquan McDonald's Family ‘Deserves Justice’**

*DNAInfo*

Hillary Clinton said Chicagoans "deserve justice and accountability" following the release of a disturbing video showing 17-year-old Laquan McDonald being shot 16 times by a Chicago police officer.

Clinton released the following statement on Twitter Wednesday:

"The family of Laquan McDonald and the people of Chicago deserve justice and accountability. As criminal charges proceed in this case, we also have to grapple as a country with broader questions about ensuring that all our citizens and communities are protected and respected. The mothers I met recently in Chicago are right: we cannot go on like this. All over America, there are police officers honorably doing their duty, demonstrating how to protect the public without resorting to unnecessary force. We need to learn from and build on those examples. The loss of so many young African Americans taken too soon should reaffirm our commitment to press forward for progress."
In final weeks, Laquan McDonald tried to turn around troubled life

Chicago Tribune

McDonald enrolled in Sullivan House Alternative School in September 2014, a month before his shooting. In the few weeks he had been there, staff said he was engaged. He tended to arrive early, ahead of the 8 a.m. start, they said.

"He was forming really good relationships with a lot of the teachers in the class," Ashley said. "He wanted to be at school. He was here early a lot of days."

McDonald, who was tall at 6-foot-2, liked to rap and dance, his teacher recalled. And he was happy.

David Graham: The Chicago Protests Aren't Just About Laquan McDonald

The Atlantic

Meanwhile, fellow activists are furious. Black Lives Matters leaders, including DeRay Mckesson, say that London didn’t punch anyone, and they hope to find video to prove it. They also say the police can’t be trusted to tell the truth about London’s arrest.

That gets to the heart of this protest. The official account of McDonald’s shooting, published the day after he died in the Chicago Tribune, turned out to be almost completely contradicted by the video. Then, police and city authorities stonewalled the release of the video of McDonald, making it public only when ordered to do so by a judge. While the contents of the video had been known for some time, a prosecutor announced the first-degree murder charge only Tuesday, hours before the video went public. (She said she had decided to charge Van Dyke weeks ago but was announcing the charges because of public-safety considerations.)

Given all that, protestors demand, why should anyone believe what the police say about London or any other activist?

The Stunning Numbers Behind Laquan McDonald's Death

Rolling Stone Magazine

Here are the upsetting numbers behind McDonald's death.

3: The length, in inches, of the knife blade McDonald had in his hand when he was shot.
10: The approximate number of feet Officer Van Dyke was standing from McDonald when he began firing.

16: The number of bullets Van Dyke fired into McDonald's body.

**ABC7 News at 4PM: Protest in the city regarding the Laquan McDonald video**

ANCHOR: More protests taking shape in the shooting death of a Chicago teenager. Protestors warning that they have big plans for Black Friday. Right now a protest is scheduled to get underway at State and Jackson in downtown Chicago. Ravi Baichwal joins us live on the scene with more on what's happening now.

BAICHWAL: Linda, Alan, we are here just across from the business school of DePaul University right here, and folks are starting to gather at the 4:00 hour for what we are hearing is going to be a fairly sizable protest. They intend to try to stop traffic from flowing through this intersection here and also we're starting to see a bit of a police presence. If you look behind me you will see police cars in the middle of State Street over there and then if we look east along Jackson, you might be able to see police officers who gathered down there. A lot are on bicycles. Some of the protest leaders telling me they would like to get enough people to stop traffic and walk down Jackson Street and get close to the big Millennium Park Christmas tree. Earlier in front of the Mayor’s Office on the fifth floor of City Hall talking about their plans for protests today and coming up in a couple of days.

**Social Media:**

**TWITTER**

CNN: HillaryClinton and @JebBush: Yes, the cop should face charges for killing #LaquanMcDonald

Rumana Hussein (ST reporter): #MalcolmLondon's attorney April Preyar: "I'm stunned. I'm always stunned when Anita Alvarez does something right." #LaquanMcDonald

Paris Schutz: More #LaquanMcDonald fallout: mother wants release of another video she says shows cop killing her son, Ron Johnson

Chicago Tribune: Traffic halted, few arrests, as hundreds march in Loop after #LaquanMcDonald video release http://trib.in/1P8SqPl

Scott Smith (Journalist): National Bar Assoc calls for resignations of Superintendent McCarthy and State's Attorney Alvarez.

Mark Berman (WashPo reporter): Why did authorities say Laquan McDonald lunged at Chicago police officers?

Charles Blow: Megyn Kelly Asks If It's 'Appropriate' For Chicago Protester To Stare At Cop

USA Today: "16 shots." Hundreds protest after video shows Chicago cop shooting teen: [http://usat.ly/1ji1hjb](http://usat.ly/1ji1hjb)

Ed Marshall: #LaquanMcDonald. activists who pried loose the video now pursuing 2d dash video. Different killing.

FACEBOOK

The Root (African American Newspaper): Now we know why Chicago police and the city fought so hard to keep this video from going public. It proves the lie police told when this young man was killed.

Rolling Stone Magazine: Laquan McDonald was shot to death by Officer Jason Van Dyke of the Chicago Police Department on October 20, 2014. Yesterday, the department was finally forced to release its dashboard camera footage of the shooting, after losing a court battle to keep it private.

Here are the upsetting numbers behind McDonald's death.

Judge Greg Mathis: Glad to see peaceful protests in Chicago after the release of the video showing the fatal shooting of a 17-year-old black teenager, Laquan McDonald, by a white Chicago police officer. Earlier, the officer, Jason Van Dyke, was charged with first-degree murder for shooting the teenager 16 times & killing him.

State Senator Christian Mitchell: My heart aches tonight, an ache borne of a fear as deep as my bones. I ache for Laquan – for the loss of his potential, for his chance to become an adult, to have children – to have a life. I ache for another young black person killed in the streets of Chicago.
But what I fear most is a continued lack of empathy that is the fuel for inaction.

I understand, rationally, and from my experiences, that the majority of police officers go to work every day, perform an incredible service under incredibly difficult circumstances, work hard to build relationships and trust, and long only to return home to their loving families.

But I know from American history, that all too often, extralegal violence has been used by paramilitary organizations, racist vigilantes, and yes, sometimes the police, to maintain control over the black community.

I know a truth that many Black Americans also know – that there are very few circumstances where I can count on my humanity to trump my blackness. And in this country, in too many circumstances, to be black is to be misunderstood, vulnerable, and threatening. And when you say the names – Trayvon Martin, Rekia Boyd, Laquan McDonald, Tyshawn Lee, Hadiya Pendleton, Blair Holt – a list that goes on too long, you must understand how rational that fear is. It’s a fear that you can do everything the right way, and still be killed. That black lives are and remain surrounded by violence.

There have been calls for calm tonight, and I support those calls. Violence is never acceptable – it only begets violence, and we have had enough of that. But righteous anger is the rational response to injustice. And let us be clear – there is injustice here.

But that anger ought to be directed to having a mature and difficult conversation about the nature of policing in this city and this country, and the intersections between authority, poverty, history, and segregation. It is the reason others and I pushed so hard for police reform in Springfield – including independent investigations of police involved shootings. It is necessary for building the type of cross-community trust that will heal our city.

That anger ought to be directed toward forcing law enforcement to have a difficult conversation about the blue wall of silence. Police deserve working protections like everyone else, and deserve our thanks and heartfelt gratitude for the tremendous sacrifice that they make to serve every day. But we also afford them a sacred trust – the discretion to make a call, in the blink of an eye, about whether a fellow citizen lives or dies. When that authority is abused, to the end of an ultimate and irrevocable consequence, the investigation should be transparent and expedient. The punishment must be swift. Because justice delayed is truly justice denied.

But the thing I fear most is that folks outside the black community, in different parts of the city, or state, or nation, will continue to feel that this is not their problem – that perhaps, in fact, folks should complain less about police violence and more about the black on black crime we see in too many communities. Make no mistake – offenders of any color must be held accountable. But understand two things.
First – the belief in the black community, backed by years of “not guilty” verdicts, of declined prosecutions, of lynchings and segregated housing, of restrictive covenants and redlining, of disinvestment and misunderstanding, is that justice is not colorblind. That while perpetrators of intra-racial violence must and will be brought to justice, perpetrators of violence or crime under the aegis of authority must also be held to account.

Second – this is not a Black American problem: it is an American problem. This is about the very future of our cities, our states, our country, about who we are and who we can be. This is about whether or not the rights afforded to each one of us by our Constitution will be widely shared, about whether or not the social contract that gives each citizen a right to protection, the pursuit of happiness, and basic human dignity will be truly for everyone, or dependent on the color or your skin, the God you do or don’t fear, or your country of origin. This is about whether or not the greatness of Chicago, Illinois, and America can survive a confrontation with the specters of the past that still haunt our present and future. Because the challenges that confront our city and our state and our nation – of poverty and underfunded schools, war and peace, life and death, require an understanding that we’re all in this together.

I believe we can achieve that unity. But that means first being honest with each other, seeing beyond the walls of our own, limited experience, and having to assume the humanity in others we don’t fully understand. And it means taking concrete steps to assure that we continue to improve relations between the police and the community. It means requiring the collection of data on traffic stops by police departments across the state. It means ensuring broader use of body cameras, so that vital footage like that involved here is available in every questionable case. It means stronger gun control laws so that it’s harder for criminals to get access to the types of guns used in the murders of Tyshawn Lee, and Hadiya Pendleton, and Blair Holt. It requires the police to do more to train their officers on how to deescalate difficult situations. And it requires the police and community to interact with each other, engage each other, and eventually, trust each other.

If there is any good to come from the tragedy of Laquan McDonald, I hope it is that we seize these opportunities.

#LaquanMcDonald
I think we should go for it

Clo, Adam, and Patton are OK with this. Anyone else?

Slight changes per Patton, who is fine with this.

They are asking for a statement from the MO on why the Mayor waited so long to turn over the tape. Need in 15 minutes. We are also sending the SA’s statement from yesterday. A draft of ours is below:

"This case, including the video, was turned over to prosecutors within days of the incident. As the State's Attorney said yesterday, the course the City took was in the best interest of law enforcement officials in allowing them to conduct the investigation which led to the first-degree murder charge that was filed against Jason Van Dyke yesterday."
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In advance of the release of the video involving the shooting of Laquan McDonald, our Department took the lead in preparations that would both ensure public safety and protect the First Amendment rights of individuals seeking to voice their response. While the majority of demonstrators were law abiding, a small number of
participants used the occasion to respond with disrespect towards law enforcement and in some instances, to violate the law.

I want to commend our members on the front lines who in the midst of a highly charged situation were able to maintain incredible integrity and commitment to impartially upholding the law and showing the world yet again our true reputation as well-trained professionals. The next several days may require us to draw upon our strengths to an even greater degree, as we are responsible for fulfilling our duty with the same excellence and high standards as always, even as our role as police officers is at the heart of recent protests.

It is a difficult climate for law enforcement professionals today, and I want to remind each of you that our profession as police officers is one of great honor and courage. It especially gives me great pride to be part of such an outstanding organization, and I thank each of you for the selfless, dedicated work you do every day.

Garry F. McCarthy
Superintendent of Police
Chicago Police Department
Good. Thanks

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 5:44 PM
To: Rapelyea, Sean; Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rendina, Michael; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Green, Melissa
Subject: RE: Just checking the temp

POTUS Facebook:
Like many Americans, I was deeply disturbed by the footage of the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. This Thanksgiving, I ask everybody to keep those who’ve suffered tragic loss in our thoughts and prayers, and to be thankful for the overwhelming majority of men and women in uniform who protect our communities with honor. And I’m personally grateful to the people of my hometown for keeping protests peaceful.

It's not up yet.

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Rapelyea, Sean
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 5:42 PM
To: Ewing, Clothilde; Collins, Adam; Spielfogel, David; Mitchell, Eileen; Rendina, Michael; Rountree, Janey; Quinn, Kelley; Green, Melissa
Subject: Re: Just checking the temp

I heard he is or just put a post on facebook about it. Anyone have access?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

From: Collins, Adam
They're not sure on timing. Will let us know. It'll just something brief and written. Nothing on video or live - he was asked about it today after our NSC Holiday travel statement but didn't respond.

Sentiments will probably be "I refuse to accept this as the new normal", which he mentioned after recent Paris attacks.

Tonight at what? If they won't share with you beforehand pls let me know.

Fyi

-------- Original message --------
From: "Rapelyea, Sean" <Sean.Rapelyea@cityofchicago.org>
Date: 11/25/2015 3:12 PM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Barnes, Desiree N. EOP/WHO" <desiree_n_barnes@who.eop.gov>, "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Re: Just checking the temp

Thanks for the heads up, keep us posted.

Black caucus went off and called for McCarthy's resignation again and there was some flare up over an activist that was arrested but then released by noon.

We're coming up with something for P on this later tonight. Nothing major but wanted to flag!

DB

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We are on it

On Nov 25, 2015, at 6:00 PM, REMOC <REMOC@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Sent from Outlook

On Wed, Nov 25, 2015 at 3:42 PM -0800, "Quinn, Kelley" <Kelley.Quinn@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

More McCarthy and police culture in general.
Media Coverage: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 – PM Update

Coverage on Wednesday focused on the following storylines: calls for Superintendent McCarthy and State's Attorney Alvarez to resign; the release of Malcolm X London; and reflection on how the developments in recent days may change the social and political landscape in Chicago. Much of the coverage focuses on the underlying tensions around these developments: decades of mistreatment in the minority communities, lack of justice, and deep suspicions of the Chicago Police Department.

Chicago Protests Mostly Peaceful After Video of Police Shooting Is Released

New York Times

Still, some community leaders have called for more demonstrations here, including a boycott and protest on Friday, the post-Thanksgiving shopping day, of this city’s famed shopping district along North Michigan Avenue known as the Magnificent Mile.

The grainy, nighttime dashboard camera video, which a judge ordered released last week, shows the young man running and then walking past officers in the middle of the street and spinning when bullets suddenly strike him down. For a moment, lying on the ground, he moves but then is still after he appears to be shot several more times. An officer kicks an object away from his body. The video shows none of the officers on the scene offering Mr. McDonald assistance.

Chicago on edge after release of video of Laquan McDonald shooting

CNN

Wednesday had been marked as the day by which Chicago officials had to release graphic dashcam video of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald's final moments and -- because of that -- the day the city could erupt.

It didn't happen quite that way, though the city is still simmering.
Like many Americans, I was deeply disturbed by the footage of the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. This Thanksgiving, I ask everybody to keep those who’ve suffered tragic loss in our thoughts and prayers, and to be thankful for the overwhelming majority of men and women in uniform who protect our communities with honor. And I’m personally grateful to the people of my hometown for keeping protests peaceful.
"because we feel it is in the best interests of the City of Chicago.” #FreeMalcolmLondon #LaquanMcDonald

"After a careful review of the circumstances of this particular incident, the State’s Attorney’s Office moved to dismiss this charge..." +

The State's Attorney's Office just released a statement about #MalcolmLondon.
From Klinzman, Grant
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 3:59 PM
To: Huffman, Lauren; Quinn, Kelley
Cc: Spector, Stephen; Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: Social

From a tweet:

We will be marching tonight around 9 in the downtown area. Location to be determined. #LaquanMcDonald

Explanation

https://twitter.com/rummanahussain

From Huffman, Lauren
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 3:16 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
Cc: Spector, Stephen; Collins, Adam
Subject: RE: Social

Michael Lansu @mikelansu 2m2 minutes ago
Sounds like @ChloeRiley84 of WTTW is first #Chicago media member taken into custody during the #LaQuanMcDonald & #MalcolmLondon protests

Lauren Huffman
Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel
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Lauren.Huffman@cityofchicago.org

From Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 2:08 PM

CHAIN CONTINUES AS PREVIOUSLY PRODUCED
Doing so now, sorry about this. Not sure where they got this from?!?

Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the Verizon Wireless 4G LTE network.

Eve, please straighten them out. Here's a statement from me on GFM.

"We've been clear that the Mayor fully supports Superintendent McCarthy. This incident is a tragedy and it's absolutely unacceptable, but Jason Van Dyke's actions are not representative of the Superintendent McCarthy's values, or of the hard-working men and women of the Chicago Police Department."

I think they are confused--don't remember anyone calling for MRE to step down, just GFC.

Anywho, does CPD have a statement on this, or do we? Thanks.
Hi Ladies,

I hope you’re well and that I catch you before the holiday! I’m reaching out because there are several groups and individuals calling for the resignation of Mayor Rahm Emanuel following the release of the dash-cam video that shows Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting 17-year-old LaQuan McDonald 16 times and killing him. The groups and individuals are not happy with how the whole situation was handled by officials. Can we please get a statement from the mayor?
We also provided our statement of the mayor's support for gfm.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 6:41 PM, Collins, Adam <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

NYTimes reporter Mitch Smith reached out to McCarthy and he decided to talk about the following:

1. Citizen calls for federal investigation into CPD
   a. GM said DOJ already works with us every day through violence reduction network and uses our strategies as a model for other departments. We work closely with our state and federal partners on building a culture of accountability, etc
   b. Reiterated what he said yesterday on how the video affects the entire profession
   c. talked about national issue of mistrust among communities and need to invest in comm. Policing.

2. Calls for his resignation
   a. He deferred to the Mayor and said he is going to continue to give the CPD everything he's got to make Chicago safer and build a better police department focused on community policing, etc
   b. Spoke abt commitment to build a better police officer; training investment; he spoke about complaints against police going down, PO shootings, etc

3. Update on Protest / Police Response
   a. Said we would support demonstrations but are intolerant on illegal

This is separate from the inquiry I got from Monica about the Burger king video in the Laquan McDonald case.
Dear Cabinet Members,

I would like to provide important updates on two police misconduct cases that have been in the news this week. Many of you may have questions about these cases and the City’s response.

First, the Chicago Police Department released a video yesterday showing a Chicago police officer shooting and killing Laquan McDonald, a 17 year old who was carrying a knife. The incident occurred on October 20, 2014. Within hours of the incident, the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA) initiated an investigation. Several days later, IPRA sent evidence in the case, including the video, to prosecutors who initiated a criminal investigation. At the same time, the officer was stripped of his police powers and assigned to desk duty. The criminal investigation has been led by Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez and U.S. Attorney Zach Fardon, and the City has been cooperating fully. Yesterday the State’s Attorney charged the officer with first degree murder. Once the charges were filed, the Chicago Police Department suspended the officer without pay.

Last week a court ordered the City to release the dash camera video of the incident by November 25 in response to a FOIA request, and we said then we would comply with that order. Up to this point, the City had declined to release the video so as not to interfere with an active criminal investigation. Not releasing evidence during an ongoing criminal investigation is consistent with the longstanding practice of federal, state and local law enforcement authorities. The City has been clear for many months that we wanted to release the video and that we planned to do so as soon as the criminal investigation was complete.

Attached for your reference are the Chicago Police Department press release, the statement from the Mayor, and a fact sheet on the case.
Second, yesterday Superintendent Garry McCarthy concurred in the IPRA recommendation that Officer Dante Servin should be terminated for his fatal shooting of Rekia Boyd. Today, the formal charges justifying the termination were sent to the Chicago Police Board for review and further action. The Superintendent’s full statement about his decision is provided below:

“After considerable deliberation, I have come to the conclusion that Officer Dante Servin showed incredibly poor judgment in his efforts to intervene in a low-level dispute while off-duty. His actions tragically resulted in the death of an innocent young woman and an unthinkable loss for a Chicago family and community. In the end, CPD has rules that officers must live by. Officer Servin violated them and he’s going to be held accountable for that.”

I have also attached the Mayor’s full statement regarding this decision.

If you have questions about this week’s events, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Best,
Eileen

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CHICAGO POLICE DEPARTMENT RELEASES DASH-CAM VIDEO IN SHOOTING OF LAQUAN MCDONALD
Officer Charged Suspended Without Pay

Earlier today, Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez filed first degree murder charges against police officer Jason Van Dyke in the October 2014 shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. The charges provide the Police Department (CPD) with its first opportunity to suspend Van Dyke without pay, an action that was promptly taken this afternoon.

Additionally, CPD is releasing dash-cam video of the shooting, which keeps with the City’s commitment to release the video in accordance with a judge’s ruling that the video be released by Wednesday.

The video will be available via download at http://video11242015.azurewebsites.net/ today from 5:00PM to 7:00PM. The password required to download the video can be obtained from CPD News Affairs.

“Across Chicago there are thousands of police officers who protect our communities every day with the highest professional standards. As the State’s Attorney made clear, Jason Van Dyke’s actions violated those standards and also the moral standards that bind our community together. Rather than uphold the law, he took the law into his own hands and it’s now up to the justice system to hold him accountable. But his actions are in no way a reflection of the dedication and professionalism that our police officers exemplify every day and that our residents expect throughout our city.”

“Police officers are given a tremendous amount of authority to protect our communities, and it is incumbent on every officer to display their best judgment when exercising that authority,” said Superintendent Garry McCarthy. “Thousands of officers do so every day, but there must also be accountability for those who don’t. Because of the authority we are entrusted with, any time a life is lost at the hand of a police officer, the incident requires serious scrutiny and review. Officer Van Dyke’s actions were wrong. Because of that a life was lost, and he will have to account for his actions.”
Below is a brief history of key events surrounding the shooting and the subsequent investigation.

- On October 20, 2014 at 41st and Pulaski, Van Dyke shot and killed Laquan McDonald, who was carrying a knife.
- The Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), a civilian independent agency, is charged with investigating all officer-involved shootings. IPRA opened its investigation into this incident within hours of the shooting. Between October 20 and October 28, 2014, IPRA interviewed witnesses and collected evidence.
- For every officer-involved shooting, IPRA sends the evidence to the Cook County State’s Attorney so that state prosecutors can determine whether to pursue a criminal investigation. On October 29, 2014, IPRA sent the evidence in this case to the Cook County State’s Attorney’s Office. The evidence was also later shared with the FBI and the Office of the U.S. Attorney as prosecutors initiated state and federal criminal investigations. Per standard practice, IPRA then suspended its administrative investigation so as not to interfere with the criminal investigation.
- On October 30, 2014, the officer was stripped of his police powers and placed on desk duty.
- On November 24, 2015, Cook County State’s Attorney Anita Alvarez charged Van Dyke with first degree murder. Chicago Police Department then immediately suspended him without pay.

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Fact Sheet Regarding the Shooting of Laquan McDonald

Brief Facts and Timeline for the Incident and Investigation

- On October 20, 2014 at 41st and Pulaski, a Chicago police officer shot and killed a juvenile, Laquan McDonald, who was carrying a knife.

- The Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), a civilian independent agency, is charged with investigating all officer-involved shootings. IPRA opened its investigation into this incident within hours of the shooting. Between Oct. 20 and Oct. 28, IPRA interviewed witnesses and collected evidence. On Oct. 29, the officer was stripped of his police powers.

- For every officer-involved shooting, IPRA sends the evidence to the Cook County State’s Attorney so that state prosecutors can determine whether to pursue a criminal investigation. Several days after the incident, IPRA sent the evidence in this case, including the dash camera video, to the Cook County States Attorney’s Office. The evidence was also later shared with the FBI and the Office of the U.S. Attorney as prosecutors initiated state and federal criminal investigation. Per standard practice, IPRA then suspended its administrative investigation so as not to interfere with the criminal investigation.

- On November 24, 2015, the Cook County States Attorney Anita Alvarez charged officer Van Dyke with first degree murder.

- That same day, the Chicago Police Department suspended him without pay.

- Once the criminal case has concluded, IPRA will resume and finish its administrative investigation.

Q&A

Q: Why wouldn’t the city release the video?

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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 8:31 PM  
To: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Quinn, Kelley  
Subject: Re: Press inquiry: trib on dash cams

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CBS2 News at 5PM: Black caucus discusses Laquan McDonald case

ANCHOR: Back to the deadly police shooting, 24 hours after the release of the video the blame game is well under way. CBS2’s Jim Williams reports on who’s pointing fingers at whom.

WILLIAMS: The City Council’s black caucus again called for police superintendent Garry McCarthy to be fired. SAWYER: We know that there is more than one Laquan McDonald.

WILLIAMS: And an independent investigation into the McDonald shooting. HAIRSTON: There is no confidence at this time in the current state's attorney's ability to do an investigation. WILLIAMS: But what about the council's role in the investigation? Why hadn't they demanded to see the video before approving a $5 million settlement with McDonald's family in April? BROOKINS: At the time that it came to my attention and I took heat for it, I called for the immediate release of this tape.

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WILLIAMS: Andy Shaw, CEO of the Better Government Association. SHAW: Look, there has to be trust somewhere and so the council trusted the corporation council and police brass and so they went along with the recommendation. Hindsight tells us they should have demanded to see the video just like this young reporter did and many others.

WILLIAMS: Late today a spokesman for Mayor Rahm Emanuel’s administration took issue with the black caucus's claim, insisting the law department gave the city council finance committee a detailed and accurate account of what happened when Laquan McDonald was killed.

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We can let it go. Thanks

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Scott M. Ando
Hi Larry,

Thanks for taking my call. National Public Radio’s Weekend Edition would love to speak to someone from IPRA’s office about the McDonald shooting and the first degree murder charges against Jason Van Dyke. This story is still in its infancy, but this is generally what we’re seeking.

We’re looking for a response to the release of the video and your thoughts on the charges filed against the officer. We want to know more broadly about how the Chicago Police Department has handled questions of officer misconduct in the past and whether that’s changed over the past year. Also, what exactly is IPRA’s role in investigating these allegations?

We are hoping to tape the interview on Friday.

I hope this helps!

Best,

-Sharif
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Best,
Crowd estimate is between 75 and 100. Not surprisingly there is a ton of media among the protesters. They are on the move in River North. On Michigan Ave near Chicago Ave.

The protesters are on the move in the loop. They are eastbound on Randolph at Wabash. About 100 folks are marching.

Active and Concluded Protests:
1. Jackson and State: Approximately 50 protesters have gathered at this location.
2. 41st and Pulaski: A small number of protesters have gathered at this location. I am attempting to get a better crowd count.
3. City Hall: This small protest has concluded.

Known Planned Protests:
1. Michigan Avenue/Black Friday Sit Down (Father Pfleger). No additional information.
2. Protest at Water Tower Place at noon. Candle Light Vigil in front of Holy Name Cathedral at 4:00 pm. No additional information.

Departments are prepared for spontaneous protests at the Thanksgiving Day Parade. This event is televised on WGN.
To: Mitchell, Eileen; Spielfogel, David; Rendina, Michael; Rapelyea, Sean; Watkins, Victoria; Quinn, Kelley; Ewing, Clotheide; Collins, Adam; Harte, Meghan; Bennett, Kenneth; Henry, Vance; Rountree, Janey; Hall, Abby; Faulman, Mike; Laws, Lisa; Escareno, Rosa

Subject: Update Chain for 11/25

Please use this email chain for updates today.

Potential Protests
We are monitoring the following protests. Please don’t assume that all of these will materialize. This is for informational and planning purposes.

- 26th and California: Approximately 10 protesters are gathered in support of Malcolm London.
- CPD and OEMC are closely monitoring and gathering facts related to the information that Vance and Ken provided (re: protesters traveling to Chicago). Thus far, we don’t have anything concrete. *Ken/Vance: Please pass along any new info to me or Janey.*
- Jackson and State at 4:00 pm. I have not heard a lot of detail about this one. It is possibly the kicking off point for a march similar to last. *CPD expects tonight’s march to be similar to last night with potentially larger numbers of participants.*
- Chicago Freedom School (719 S State) at time TBD. Folks are being asked to gather here for a protest.
- 35th and Michigan at 5:00 pm. A gathering for a public viewing of the video followed by a protest.

Thursday:
- Preparing for the possibility of spontaneous protests during the Thanksgiving Day parade.

Friday:
- Michigan Avenue: I don’t have any details on Father Pfleger’s call for people to come to Michigan Ave. *Ken/Vance: If you know anything, please share with me or Janey.*
- Water Tower/Holy Name Cathedral: An unknown group is calling for folks to gather at noon at Water Tower Place. The protest would conclude with a candle light vigil at Holy Name Cathedral.

Forecast
The current forecast is for rain beginning tonight at 8:00 pm, potentially lasting all day Thursday and ending Friday morning. High temps of 55 tomorrow and 43 on Friday.
I do not mind violence, but am OK adding the nod to police. Protesting violence with violence is not OK.

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I don't think we should say violence, and I'd like to give a nod to the officers who are managing this as well. Will send a thought there in a sec

Boom!
Couple of suggested edits and I think this has to come from MRE:

"Feelings of anger over the death of Laquan McDonald are understandable and a desire to express that outrage is justifiable, but violence and destruction of property is unacceptable. I want to echo the call by many faith and community leaders, as well as Laquan's family, who asked those who choose to speak out do so peacefully and not resort to violence in Laquan's name."

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"There is nothing more important than ensuring the safety and security of every resident in every neighborhood of Chicago. Feelings of outrage over the death of Laquan McDonald are understandable. But violence and destruction of property is completely unacceptable and anyone perpetrating these violent acts will be held accountable. I want to echo the call by many faith and community leaders, as well as Laquan McDonald’s family, that anyone wishing to express their outrage does so peacefully. Restoring peace and security to every street of Chicago remains our highest priority."

On Nov 25, 2015, at 10:15 PM, Ewing, Clothilde <Clothilde.Ewing@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Yes

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A reminder on the family's request would be another point

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On Nov 25, 2015, at 10:14 PM, Ewing, Clothilde <Clothilde.Ewing@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Hi Steve/adam/kelley -  
Not sure we will need it, but want to be prepared just in case. Adam, can you do a first pass of statement addressing protests tonight and reiterating message from mayor's remarks yesterday calling for calm and protests without violence?

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I agree. No one is asking and I think we need to see how this plays out.

On Nov 25, 2015, at 11:32 PM, Collins, Adam <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

I think we should see where this goes over the course of the next few hours and then make a judgement call about the tone for MRE.

The line I added is probably too long, but take a look. CPD statement is below that.

**MRE STATEMENT**

"Feelings of anger over the death of Laquan McDonald are understandable and the desire to express that outrage is justifiable, but illegal activity and the destruction of property is unacceptable. I want to echo the call by many faith and community leaders, as well as Laquan's family, who asked those who choose to speak out do so peacefully and not resort to violence in Laquan's name. Finally, I want to commend the men and women of our police department who have stood for hours in the cold and the rain to protect people's first amendment rights, while also working tirelessly to ensure those rights are expressed in a peaceful and productive manner."

**CPD STATEMENT**

CPD is committed to protecting people's first amendment rights and our officers have upheld that commitment with honor both yesterday and today.