

From: Spector, Stephen [Stephen.Spector@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 6:00 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley
Subject: Re: TN

Thanks

Original Message

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Budget:

Fran, Hal, Grag, Karen Pierog (Reuters), Odette Yousef (WBEZ), Yvette Shields (Bond Buyer): All covering Moody's Report regarding the City's pension reform plans and potential impact to credit rating and financial markets based on action by Governor and decision by IL Supreme Court. City pushed back on report stating that Moody even states that the two pension reform plans are potential credit positives if enacted and upheld. City also noted that the reform plans are sensible and demonstrate a shared path forward to managing the City's underfunded pension liabilities.

Crain's/Tom Corfman: Analysis on impact of property tax increase on rental properties and commercial/industrial properties. Tom's analysis is similar to the impact the City anticipates on these properties. The story will blame some of the shift of the homeowners' exemption, which he believes unfairly shifts more of the burden on these properties.

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CTA:

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Streetsblog/Vance: Story on the new Ventra app that will be released this fall. Reporter tested the app and story is expected to be positive.

Various Outlets: In recognition of Veterans Day, the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) announced that it is continuing its commitment to hiring our nation's veterans by adding more than 60 veteran hires across the CTA in 2015. The increases are the result of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and CTA's continued efforts to promote and expand the hiring of veterans.

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Law:

All outlets – The judge in the Friends of the Park case against the Lucas Museum set the briefing in the City's motion to have the case dismissed.

CCC:

ST/Dan Mihalopoulos: Story on the delay in disbursement of Pell grants this semester. CCC explained that this was caused in part by a new IT system, and also a slight miscommunication in dates that students could expect to receive funds in hand. CCC provided a statement explaining this, and also reiterated that Pell cycle 2 payments are on pace to be delivered according to schedule. To appear tonight/print tomorrow.

CPS:

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WBEZ/Becky Vevea ST/Lauren Fitz and Austin Weekly: The Austin CAC held a press conference today in support of the community's proposal to consolidate co-located schools in Austin. (Schools are Dodge and Morton, as well as three Austin high schools). Stories to appear tonight.

Chicago Tonight/Brandis Friedman: Brandis is doing a piece on the Ogden/Jenner proposal and making a note that this will be tabled until next year. CPS did not provide a statement. Brandis will also cover the Austin CAC's proposal to consolidate three high schools. This story is expected to air tonight.

ABC7: Story about a Morgan Park High School basketball player being disqualified from playoffs after transferring in from Clemente. CPS to provide a statement. Story could air tonight.

NBC5: Story on the suspension of the engineer at Prussing following an evacuation of 70 plus kids during carbon monoxide/gas leak. This is a follow up on DNA Info's story and is expected to air tonight.

DNA Info: Follow up story on Dixon's academic gains and their new Level+ rating this year.

WBEZ/Becky Vevea: Follow up on the pushback by charter operators affected by CPS' proposed closures for 4 charter locations. CPS provided background on how academic performance is communicated to charter operators, and what expectations are for charters who are on watch list and are required to enact a remediation plan. This could air as early as tomorrow.

Potential coverage: First thing tomorrow CPS will issue a press release announcing their Hour of Code competition with Brooklyn Public Schools, whereby the winner earns the most hours/events during Computer Science week and earns bragging rights. This may have already gotten traction from the social media announcement that Brooklyn made earlier today.

CDPH:

WYCC: 30-minute segment on the environment, pollution and the environment that will include consumer recycling in Chicago. DSS highlighted a public education campaign on recycling, and CDPH did a walk through on one of the processing facilities—the North Branch Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Center. This will air Thursday at 7pm and again on Sunday.

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From: Mitchell, Eileen
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 8:40 AM
To: Silver, Steven
Subject: RE: UPDATE - Press Statement Needed ASAP

Thank you

From: Silver, Steven
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 8:35 AM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Mitchell, Eileen
Cc: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David
Subject: Re: UPDATE - Press Statement Needed ASAP

On it.

From: Quinn, Kelley
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 8:32 AM
To: Mitchell, Eileen
Cc: Collins, Adam; Ewing, Clothilde; Spielfogel, David; Silver, Steven
Subject: Re: UPDATE - Press Statement Needed ASAP

Adding Steve Silver. Steve, can you please draft quickly?

On Nov 11, 2015, at 8:30 AM, Mitchell, Eileen <Eileen.Mitchell@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Need a statement prepared ASAP on Mariano's and Kroeger merging.
Please hit the following points:

- Mariano's - great Chicago grocer
- Lived up to principles - serve all of Chicago
- MRE spoke to both CEOs
- Continue commitment to Chicago and will serve every part of Chicago

Please get a draft for MRE to review asap this morning. Thanks.

From: Collins, Adam
Sent: Wednesday, November 11, 2015 6:21 AM
To: Update_List
Subject: 11/11 - press briefing

Attached is today's press briefing. Take a look at the Springfield answer and let me know what you think. Not sure how else to land this one, so my goal here is to try to rise above it.

Topics include

- OF NOTE: MRE announces more housing choice vouchers for vets
- Springfield
- Moody's report
- Marty Nesbit comments on Chicago violence
- Laquan McDonald case
- Violence
- Lucas Museum plans in court yesterday
- LIG
- Report released on police complaints

- CCC Pell Grant disbursements delayed

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From: Mitchell, Eileen
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 7:43 PM
To: Pedroza-Rodriguez, Pedro
Subject: FW: Get Excited!!!
Attachment(s): "RE111415 week ahead .doc"

Are you able to print this on the larger paper?

From: Ewing, Clothilde
Sent: Friday, November 13, 2015 5:49 PM
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To: Spector, Stephen
Subject: Re: Due at 6:00 PM: Tomorrow's News

John Garcia/ABC, Mary Mitchell/ST, Don Babwin/AP, Zusha Elinson/WSJ: covering the judges decision tomorrow on if the Laquan Mcdonald dashcam video should be released. Will include the AG's letter saying the video should be released.

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Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 4:42:51 PM
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To: Ellis, Kiera
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's News

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From: Ellis, Kiera
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To: Spector, Stephen
Subject: Re: Tomorrow's News

For your clarity we only do yard waste 6 weeks out of the year in the fall and a little in the spring

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Subject: Tomorrow's News

CPD:

All: Follow-up on the arrest of a person of interest in the Tyshawn Lee murder on an unrelated gun charge. Offender appeared in bond court this afternoon.

All: Story on today's homicide of a 2 year-old victim. Incident is being investigated as a domestic related homicide. Police have a person of interest

Boston Globe: Story on Boston PD's efforts to create video testimonials of relatives of homicide victims to generate leads in cold cases. Globe inquired on CPD's outreach efforts to assist in investigations. CPD highlighted partnership with Crime Stoppers and the court advocacy program

CDOT:

NBC/WGN/Tribune/Univision/WBM Radio: Coverage today of the speed enforcement cameras. Each outlet chasing the Tribune's coverage has our pushback and has talked to CDOT Commissioner Scheinfeld. CBS, ABC and Fox have not chased the story at this point.

ST/Editorial: Tomorrow's Sun-Times editorial will ding the city's speed enforcement system, saying that it focuses on bringing in cash and calls for an independent review of the program. Commissioner Scheinfeld spoke with the ST and we've pushed back extensively on the editorial's premise.

CPS:

Multiple Outlets: At today's CPS board meeting there was a vote to close three recommended charter schools. This will receive broad media coverage. The Sun-Times (Lauren Fitzpatrick) posted a story today.

Sun-Times/Tribune/Prussing: Both the Sun-Times and the Tribune will be writing stories about Prussing based on today's board meeting.

Multiple Outlets/Research on Rapper Chief Keef: Multiple outlets are still reaching out about the Chief Keef story coming out of Fiske Elementary. Tribune and DNA Info posted stories today.

Josh McGhee (DNA Info)/Maureen McKinney (Illinois Issues Magazine)/CPS & STLS Students: The

Chicago Coalition for the homeless held a press conference revealing their report card on how the city meets the needs of its homeless families and outlets have reached out about the problems that face homeless CPS students and what is being done to combat those issues. CPS will be providing a statement.

WBEZ/Becky Vevea: Becky is writing about Bronzeville Lighthouse, one of the schools that will be voted on tomorrow to be closed. Bronzeville Lighthouse school officials are making the case that if the school closes students in the area won't have a good choice school in the area.

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Budget:

Fran, Dardick and Byrne, ABC: Story on real property transfer tax from the sale of the skyway.

DPD:

NBC5 and DNAInfo/David Mathews: Follow-up on Apple store site plan approval at 401 N. Michigan.

New City/Monica Rogers: story about new uses in old buildings on the near west side may appear tomorrow. Story will likely mention DPD's efforts to create the historic district and innovation district designations.

Targeted Media:

Univision/Telemundo: Covering the Mayor's support of the Refugee resolution.

CTA:

CBS-2 Carly Luque; Tribune/Jon Hilkevitch; Sun-Times/Rosalind Rossi; DNAInfo/Patti Wetli; Streetsblog/John Greenfield, possibly other outlets. Stories on Pres. Carter announcement of CTA plans to conduct pilot tests for new service on the #11 and #31 bus routes. Stories will note that that pilot test decision is the result of conversations with elected officials and community members as Pres. Carter has looked for ways to improve CTA bus service; pilot tests will have ridership targets and the results will ultimately determine whether service is restored on the routes.

Ch.7/Chuck Goudie: Investigative story on the lack of accessibility at the Clinton Blue Line station. CTA will highlight we have made great progress in improving accessibility at rail stations, many of which are more than a half-century old. But we recognize there is more work to do, and we're moving toward making our rail system 100% accessible, like our buses. The CTA is developing plans to make the Clinton station, and the rest of the Blue Line Forest Park branch, fully accessible. When Mayor Emanuel took office, 66 percent of rail stations were accessible. By the end of the Mayor's second term, nearly three-fourths (72%) will be accessible.

Sun-Times/Rosalind Rossi and Tribune/Jon Hilkevitch: Stories likely on one or more topics covered today at CTA's board meeting, including the board's approval of the CTA's 2016 budget, which freezes fares and preserves service levels; the beginning of Ashland and Western express bus service on 12/21; and (Sun-Times only) the passage of an ordinance that allows the CTA to begin the process of acquiring 23 parcels necessary for the Red and Purple Modernization Program's first phase of construction.

Multiple news outlets: Stories expected Thursday AM on the new Ventra app being available now for download onto Apple and Android devices. Stories will likely heavily focus on Metra customers, since the app will be the first time customers can purchase Metra mobile tickets that are stored on their phones.

DSS:

WBEZ/Shannon Heffernan: Running the story on Chicago's yard waste collection efforts. She and the Chicago Recycling Coalition allege that our collection efforts do not comply with State law. The City does offer yard collection resources, but resident need to call 311 to schedule a pick-up.

DFSS:

Univision/Enrique Rodriguez, DNA Info/Josh McGhee, NPR/Maureen McKinney: Coverage of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless' report on youth and family street homelessness, which also calls for Mayor Emanuel to put an end to homelessness citywide (not just with veterans). Univision was provided with a statement on Mayor's investments in homelessness and affordable housing; DNA Info and NPR are taking a look at impacts on education. Stories to appear tomorrow.

ABC7/Ben Bradley: Coverage of Chicago homeless families, profiling one specific family traveling from shelter to shelter and framing their story with the Coalition for Homeless' call to action to end homelessness in Chicago. Ben did not contact the city for a response.

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All - Coverage of CPD investigative update on Kyrian Knox murder (toddler remains found in Garfield Park). Detectives released information on persons of interest who were last to care for Kyrian.

All - Coverage of court decision to release Laquan McDonald video

All - Coverage of CPD Police Board meeting.

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CDPH:

NBC5/Christian Farr: Interview with Dr. Morita, CDPH Commissioner, on flu preparedness, and where Chicagoans can access the free flu vaccine.

CDA:

Tribune/Hilkevitch: The Tribune is working on a story about the noise recommendations released by the Suburban O'Hare Commission. The new report released today which highlights many similarities with CDA's Goals for noise abatement but questions the FAA's noise contours used to evaluate sound insulation. CDA responded saying that it looks forward to reviewing the report and continuing the conversation at the ONCC meetings which is the appropriate venue for this discussion.

DSS:

Various Outlets: All TV stations were at today's DSS stand up announcing snow removal plans, along with DNA info and WBBM Radio. DSS did Spanish stands up for Univision and Telemundo.

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Subject: RE: Due at 5:45 PM: Tomorrow's News

Crain's/Corfman: Story on pension case and if the city has a chance at winning. Will include comment from Steve Patton that the legislation is constitutional because it does not diminish or impair benefits.

Everyone: Continued coverage on the judge's decision today that the city must release the Laquan McDonald video. The Mayor's office released a statement that we plan to do so in the next week, and hope Chicago can begin to heal.

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All – followup coverage of Laquan McDonald shooting video release

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To: Spector, Stephen
CC: Quinn, Kelley; Huffman, Lauren; Klinzman, Grant
Subject: Re: CNN/MSNBC/Fox

Ok

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 20, 2015, at 6:11 PM, "Spector, Stephen" <Stephen.Spector@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Angel - Over the weekend, can you check to see if CNN/MSNBC/Fox are running segments about Laquan McDonald and the video? Thank you much.

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DSS:

Everyone: Coverage of the snowfall. DSS had a stand up with OEMC today and issued a press release tonight highlighting the City's efforts to plow the streets. The City's Plow Tracker is also live starting tonight.

CPD:

All: Follow-up coverage of Laquan McDonald shooting video release.

CPS:

Everyone: Board of Education Vice President Jesse Ruiz is moving to head the board at the Chicago Park District. CPS provided the following background: Jesse will be resigning from the CPS board on Jan. 1, and his replacement will be named in the coming weeks. Stories to appear tonight.

Everyone: There were elevated levels of carbon monoxide in the building at Shields Elementary today before classes begun; two teachers became ill. The building was cleared and classes were held in the school's annex. CPS provided a statement and background. This is expected to receive broad coverage tonight.

CBS and ABC: Coverage of CEO Forrest Claypool's visit to Brennemann Elementary school for the culmination of the 6th annual Wells Fargo coat drive. Stories to air tonight.

CT/Eric Zorn: CPS pitch for 20 for 20 fair funding. Posted tonight and will print tomorrow.

ST/Lauren Fitz, WBEZ/Becky Vevea: Chief Financial Officer Ginger Ostro on behalf of fair funding for CPS at the ISBE Budget hearing. Stories will appear tomorrow.

(Possible) CT/John Byrne: Coverage of CCC's associate's of general studies (AGS) degree. Story will be critical; will say that CCC's recently climbing grad rate is attributed to an increase of AGS degrees, retroactively awarded to students who completed credits but did not apply for graduation. CCC will make board prez Chuck Middleton available to speak to this.

Law:

AP/Rick Callahan, WBEZ, ST Wire: Covering the E2 nightclub settlement. Each defendant will do 500 hours of community service. Statement from DOL expressed the city's hope that all affected by the strategy will finally experience closure.

Target Media:

EFE/Mederos, HOY, Lawndale News, others: Covering Jesse Ruiz appointment to the Park District Board and departure from CPS Board.

La Raza/Sanabria: Covering CPL's Grow up Great event with first lady Amy Rule. Focused on City's involvement.

BACP:

Chicago Tribune / Jon Hilkevitch: Story is about the new working relationship that is developing between

public transit and sharing services, i.e., ride-share, bike-share, etc. BACP indicated that city focus is getting rideshare at the airports up and running before the holiday season.

WGN/Lourdes Duarte: Story about BACP enforcement of vacation rental ordinance. Went on ride-along with BACP and interviewed Commissioner.

Ch 5/Leanne Trotter, Ch7, Univision/Marcello Lopez, RedEye/Rianne Coale: Behind-the-scenes look at how CTA gets its popular Holiday Train ready for service each year, including interviews with President Carter.

WGN radio/Kim Gordon: Story on CTA holiday train beginning service Saturday and then full service next Friday.

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Subject: Social

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#LMcDonald hashtag on Twitter

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[Read more...](#)

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From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 2:23 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
Subject: Re: URGENT

Yes. I'm almost done with the first draft. Will send something in 10.

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The mayor apparently has access to email now and is asking about social media, and how people are reacting. I think we need a report sooner rather than later. Can one of you give me an update on how soon this can be done?

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From: Klinzman, Grant [Grant.Klinzman@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 7:53 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley
CC: Spector, Stephen
Subject: 8pm update
Attachment(s): "Laquan Coverage 8pm.docx"

Not much changed - things have really slowed

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11/22/15 Update 8pm – twitter activity remains at a slow but steady pace of approximately 50 tweets per hour using the word “Laquan.” The news article receiving the most attention is the ABC article with the headline: COMMUNITY LEADERS CALLING FOR CALM AHEAD OF LAQUAN MCDONALD VIDEO RELEASE. As of 6:30pm the rate has dropped further to only a few per hour.

Noteable Tweets:

Brent E. Huffman: As [#Chicago](#) Police Shooting Video Is Released, Grief Is at Odds With the Truth http://tak.pt/i/L11_yeie

- 32k followers

Vibe Magazine: A judge has ordered video footage of the 2014 murder of a Chicago teenager:

- 688k followers, RT: 16

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Noteworthy Coverage:

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Leaders in Chicago's African American community are calling for calm ahead of what could be a contentious week, as the city must release a video showing a white Chicago police officer killing an African American teen.

Nearly 200 strong they came together Saturday to call for peace. Neither the cold nor the snowy weather was going to stop the men of Alpha Phi Alpha, an African American fraternity which counts many of the city's leaders among its ranks.

"We want people to see the positive professional males that are in our community," said Rev. Roosevelt Watkins, Pastors United for Change.

The fight against violence was top of mind Saturday, but also a growing concern regarding the impending release of dash cam video showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald last October. Officials say he was shot in the back 16 times, some gunshots hitting him after he had fallen on the pavement.

"Chicago is on the tipping point," Rev. Watkins said. "We can be just like Ferguson."

Earlier this week a Cook County judge ordered the video be released against the city's wishes. The police officer in question is still on the job on desk duty while the city completes its investigation. The Rev. Jesse Jackson has called for the officer to be indicted and said a top-to-bottom change is necessary in both the Chicago Police Department and the State's Attorney's Office.

"I have high regard for McCarthy as a person, but his job, he's lost credibility," Rev. Jackson said. "The police department is no longer credible."

Police say McDonald was carrying a knife. The shooting took place while officers responded to a report of vehicle break-ins in a trucking yard. The dash cam captured the end of the confrontation. Many fear its viewing might spark riots similar to those seen in other parts of the country.

"As incendiary as this video may be, and we've all heard the rumors, remain calm," said State Rep. Elgie Sims (34th District). "Don't incite violence in our community. Or exact violence on our community. Let's use that energy in a positive way."

The city has until Wednesday to release the video.

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez says a decision is expected next week on whether to charge the officer in McDonald's shooting. Alvarez says she is not opposing the release of the video.

Editorial: Chicago will soon see how Laquan McDonald died. Be passionate. Be peaceful
Chicago Tribune

There is wide concern that the stark video will provoke violent protests in Chicago. But it should be released — should have been months ago.

The case illustrates why it's so important for police to make greater use of video, an invaluable tool to prevent police abuses, document when cops handle themselves well, refute false accusations and furnish valuable evidence for criminal inquiries.

The Chicago police have a pilot program using body cams and plan to expand it next year.

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Van Dyke's lawyer said Friday that the officer handled a dangerous encounter appropriately and that the video doesn't tell the whole story. Maybe he's right. But when it is released, it will give the people of Chicago the opportunity to judge for themselves. They will react passionately, and we hope peacefully.

Rev. Jesse Jackson urges 'police shakeup' in response to cop's fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald
Chicago Sun-Times

The Rev. Jesse Jackson said Saturday he's hoping for a "police shakeup from top to bottom" after the release of a dashboard-cam video showing a Chicago police officer shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times.

Jackson also called on Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez to step down for "failing" to charge the officer involved in the deadly Oct. 20, 2014, shooting near 41st and Kildare in Archer Heights.

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"We hope people will be civil and to focus on a remedy and not just reaction," Jackson said. "I think a major police department shakeup should be a step toward a remedy and relief. I think the indictment of the killer and witnesses would be a major shakeup. The issue should be: There are consequences for killing people in this way."

Jackson said the violence that some anticipate after the release of the video already has happened, saying, "Sixteen times shot is the violence. The quietness in the face of it is violence."

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About two hours after the ruling, Mayor Rahm Emanuel, who had fought the release of the video, put out a written statement in which he reversed course and announced he wouldn't try to have the decision overturned on appeal.

Emanuel said he hopes the video "will provide prosecutors time to expeditiously bring their investigation to a conclusion so Chicago can begin to heal."

Carol Marin: A betrayal of trust in McDonald, Koschman cases
Chicago Sun-Times

In each case, police argued the dead young man had caused his own death. McDonald by refusing to stop approaching the officer. And Koschman by being the "aggressor."
In each case, the person who killed them, according to police, was acting in "self-defense."

But in both Koschman and McDonald cases, there were credible allegations that police tried to alter or suppress witness testimony; in each case video from businesses in the area went missing; and in each case the City of Chicago and the police department fought to deny or delay media FOIA requests.

In Koschman, Police Supt. Garry McCarthy actually promoted the case supervisor to chief of detectives even though he is still under investigation by the city inspector general for allegedly manufacturing evidence to exonerate the mayor's nephew.

Is there any wonder why citizens distrust government when government keeps the public's own information out of public view?

Chicago braces for release of graphic police shooting video

Reuters

Community outreach, communications and legal strategy were being planned to try to prevent violent protests when the video is released, according to lawyers, activists and officials.

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Police said they were planning for possible protests and would strive to keep them peaceful.

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Community activist William Calloway, who had pushed for release of the video, said his organization Christianaire is contacting church leaders and asking them to prepare their congregations.

"Regardless of what this tape reveals, we want the community to exercise first amendment rights and demand justice, but to do it peacefully and effectively," Calloway said.

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From: Nancy Michaels [nmichaels@roosevelt.edu]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 7:25 AM
To: Hill, Kathleen; jpchou@cps.edu
Subject: RE: Release of the video

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From: Nancy Michaels
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 7:07 AM
To: jchou@cps.edu; Kathleen.Hill@cityofchicago.org
Subject: Release of the video

Hi Kathleen and Jadine,

In anticipation of release of the Laquan McDonald video, many in the RJ community are available to help in any way we can in the coming days if needed. There have been ideas discussed in the past few days around the potential need for healing circles and perhaps safe spaces to for dialogue around racial tensions in the community and in schools. Please let us know if you would like to discuss this further at some point today. My cell phone is: 708-899-7927.

Best,

Nancy

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From: Hall, Abby [Abby.Hall@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:54 AM
To: Mitchell, Eileen
Subject: RE: Fwd: 11/23 - press briefing

I will likely have 10:15-10:45 open - you could do a one on one with MRE when he arrives - David has an off site meeting 10:00-11:00.

Want to slide in press prep there?

From: Mitchell, Eileen
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 8:04 AM
To: Hall, Abby
Subject: RE: Fwd: 11/23 - press briefing

I think we should have an update with David and I before the group gets together.

From: Hall, Abby
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 7:50 AM
To: Collins, Adam; Mitchell, Eileen
Subject: RE: Fwd: 11/23 - press briefing

Got word he changed his pick up to 8am. I'd expect him to arrive at the hall between 9:30 and 10:15.

Full crew for prep?

On Mon, Nov 23, 2015 at 5:36 AM -0800, "Hall, Abby" <Abby.Hall@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

I get it- let's hope he comes early- if not, we'll try for lunch and see how he's doing in the afternoon.

Sent from [Outlook](#)

On Mon, Nov 23, 2015 at 4:54 AM -0800, "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Thanks Abby. The more I thought about it overnight I want to be ready in the event we want/need him to address media

----- Original message -----

From: "Hall, Abby" <Abby.Hall@cityofchicago.org>
Date: 11/23/2015 6:32 AM (GMT-06:00)
To: "Mitchell, Eileen" <Eileen.Mitchell@cityofchicago.org>
Cc: "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>
Subject: Re: Fwd: 11/23 - press briefing

Yes. That said, he's at a fireside chat, not a press conference with a clean entrance and exit.

If he's coming to the hall early, will update everyone.

Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Mitchell, Eileen <eileen.mitchell@cityofchicago.org>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 6:17 AM

Subject: Fwd: 11/23 - press briefing
To: Hall, Abby <abby.hall@cityofchicago.org>
Cc: Collins, Adam <adam.collins@cityofchicago.org>

Please note Adam's flag on press prep. If there is an early arrival, that can be scheduled.

Eileen Mitchell
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Collins, Adam" <Adam.Collins@cityofchicago.org>
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Subject: 11/23 - press briefing

Smaller chain today. Please see the attached and let me know if you have any edits. As usual, I'll send it to him at 7:30. Thanks

One other note, I realized last night we have no time for press prep. I'm told there's a way to get him in and out today without taking questions, but I feel like we need to be ready for the possibility that he may have to address this with press after the Atlantic. I could prep with him during drive time, or during lunch. Just a flag there.

Topics include:

- Laquan McDonald
- CTU rally to be held tonight
- Chi-Raq premiere held Sunday night
- Rideshare at the airport begins
- Brookins to primary Rush
- Thanksgiving meal with Syrian refugees
- China travel

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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 11:06 AM

To: Samantha Stinson; Michael scott jr.; David Evers; Robert Steele; darren.tillis.jxac@statefarm.com; earlmaby123@yahoo.com; brian ollie; jatkins@lawndalechurch.org; Carolyn Vessel; nlc1@yahoo.com; john.reynolds@chicagopolice.org; Betty Green; Darrin Brown; worthy@lcdc.net; Cliff Nellis; dkim@lclc.net; Lisa Russell; Henry, Vance; jhoran@nlcphs.org; mthorne@nlcphs.org; Jose Wilson; Terry Soto; Rachel Lyons; bickhame@comcast.net; denispadre@aol.com; Adrienne Johnson; agross@ymenchicago.com; sharon@chicagopearl.org; ladonna.peppers@ucanchicago.org

Subject: Fwd: Mayor's Conference Call Update on Police Involved Shooting, November 23, 2015, 1:00pm CST

Please see details below.

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Date: Mon, Nov 23, 2015 at 9:02 AM

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To: Jeramey Winfield <jwinfield@lclc.net>, Larry Kimbrough <lkimbrough@lclc.net>, Danae Kovac <dkovac@lclc.net>, Kim Rueter <krueter@lclc.net>, Sarah Staudt <sstaudt@lclc.net>, Maurice Harris <mharris@lclc.net>, Margaret Waickman <mwaickman@lclc.net>, Kelvin Hampton <khampton@lclc.net>, Kilopatria Crum-Sims <ksims@lclc.net>, Heather Saunders <hsaunders@lclc.net>, Nicole Tewolde <ntewolde@lclc.net>, Nick Yannias <nyannias@lclc.net>, Cristina Law <claw@lclc.net>, Ron Jones <rjones@lclc.net>, Steve Space <sspace@lclc.net>, Terrance DjRuckus Foster <tfoster@lclc.net>, Crystal Sowemimo <csowemimo@lclc.net>, Darrin Brown <ministerdarrinbrown@gmail.com>, Darrin Brown <dbrown@lawndalechurch.org>

Jeramey, please share this with the RJ Hub in Lawndale as well as the Leadership Circle. Thank you...

Very truly yours,

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Date: November 23, 2015 at 8:53:36 AM CST

Subject: Mayor's Conference Call Update on Police Involved Shooting, November 23, 2015, 1:00pm CST

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:

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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:52 AM
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Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 6:44 AM
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November 23, 2015

Press Contact: Veronica Morris Moore

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What: Press Conference

When: 12pm, November 23, 2015

Where: 5101 S. Wentworth - 2nd District precinct

Who: Young black organizers from BYP100, Fearless Leading by the Youth, Assata's Daughters, #LetUsBreathe collective, We Charge Genocide, Black Lives Matter: Chicago, and other grassroots collectives

Young Black Organizers Decline Private Meeting with Mayor to Discuss the Video of the Execution of Laquan McDonald

CHICAGO-- Prior to the release of dash cam footage of a white Chicago police officer shooting 17 year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times, the Mayor's office is reaching out to meet with various community leaders on Monday. Young black organizers have declined the offer to meet with Rahm's administration to discuss the video and are focusing on reaching out to the people who are directly impacted by the occupation of

militarized police and community disinvestment. **Instead of attending a meeting at City Hall, the collective of young black organizers and activist will hold a press conference following the court appearance of 60+ people who were arrested protesting the International Association of Chiefs of Police conference that was hosted in Chicago last month.**

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. It was important to deny this invitation to meet because we believe that the community has a right to respond as it sees fit. The city historically responds to peaceful demonstrations violently and recklessly. **We have no faith that the same Mayor that allowed people to starve for 34 days over a school, will be accountable to black people just because we respond calmly to a documented hate crime committed by a Chicago police officer.** We also believe that leaders do not reserve the right to police people's emotions. Our responsibility is to organize public energy into impact. The people of this city deserve more transparency in meetings with the Mayor's office. We will decline any invite to meet with the Mayor's office privately. **The Mayor and Superintendent Gary McCarthy need to be present at a public meeting that is centered around black people and the effects of militarized police occupation.** We also demand that the Chicago Police Department refrain from responding to traumatized young black people with more violence. The presence of militarized police in riot gear incites people to riot.

Indicting cops does not change the policies that promote the violence and trauma inherent in the Chicago Police Department. Chicago has more police officers per person than any other city. Chicago police murder more civilians than any other police force in the nation. CPD has spent more than \$500 Million over the past 10 years in settlements for police misconduct. **Mayor Rahm Emanuel has fundamentally bankrupt public education to bankroll militarized police occupation and terrorism.** As Black teachers are losing their jobs and more schools in poor communities are closing, police presence is increasing. Yet, there has been no positive change against community violence while state violence continues to persist as well--both claiming the lives of more young people each year.

The purpose of this press conference is for young, Black activists and organizers that were arrested for protesting police violence last month to call young people to action and participate in opportunities to connect people to each other and outlets for solutions. We want to encourage people to find hope in each other as we collectively organize against the culture of white supremacy that seeks to systematically destroy our communities. In this moment, we must lean on each other, not the people and institutions that deny our right to life as black people. We see these institutions and the people that represent them as the common factor to state and interpersonal violence. We reject the myth of "black on black" crime and encourage mainstream media and consumers of media to focus on the humanity and life of Laquan McDonald and his family.

Young black organizers will be creating and hosting opportunities for people to take action, process, and fight for change as we are terrorized by the realities of white supremacy.

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In case this is helpful.

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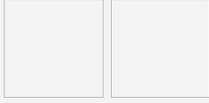
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All - continuing coverage of Laquan McDonald video release

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PM update for now

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Furthermore, coverage now includes commentary from community leaders that you met with today. Some voices have been helpful and others have been unhelpful, like Rev. Ira Acree who said that protests are "imminent."

Media coverage continues to extend beyond the Chicago outlets. Media organizations such as Ebony Magazine, Vox.com, the Associated Press, Teen Vogue, CNN and others are continuing to cover the events.

Noteworthy Coverage:

Sneed exclusive: Officer who shot Laquan McDonald to be charged Tuesday **Chicago Sun-Times**

Sneed has learned a criminal probe launched by Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez into the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald is expected to result in criminal charges Tuesday against 37-year-old Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke.

Sneed hears rumbles murder charges were on the table.

The shocker: If a murder charge is placed against Officer Van Dyke, it will be the first time in Chicago history an "on duty" police officer was charged with such a crime.

Decision on charges in Laquan McDonald case coming Tuesday: source **WGN TV**

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez will make an announcement Tuesday about whether or not a white Chicago police officer will be charged in the shooting of a black teenager, a source tells WGN.

Two ministers invited to the meeting Monday afternoon say they think Emanuel is going to ask them to call for calm.

Ira Acree and Marshall Hatch say blacks in the city are upset about the shooting and the city's refusal for several months to release the video.

Pfleger Tells Flock to Block Mag Mile On Friday to Protest Laquan McDonald **DNAInfo**

"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

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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.

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- Despite Pfleger's remarks, a representative of St. Sabina said no protest was "officially" being organized when asked Monday by DNAinfo.

- **Emanuel calls Laquan McDonald shooting 'hideous,' urges peaceful response**
Sun-Times

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Monday described a white police officer's decision to fire 16 shots into the body of black teenager Laquan McDonald as "hideous" with "no justification," even though the mayor claimed he has not seen the dashboard camera video a judge has ordered the city to release.

Emanuel passed judgment on the actions of Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke as he urged Chicagoans to engage in peaceful protests in response to the video.

"This officer didn't uphold the law. In my view, he took the law into his own hands. He didn't build the trust we want to see. And he wasn't about providing safety and security. So at every point, he violated what we entrust," Emanuel said.

- **Emanuel Meeting Ministers to Discuss Police Shooting Video**
Associated Press

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From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 12:21 PM
To: Klinzman, Grant; Quinn, Kelley
Subject: Monday AM update

In case this is helpful.

Monday, November 23, 2015 – AM Update

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Print and TV Coverage:

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On Monday morning, the TV coverage now highlights the Mayor's upcoming meetings with community members. The major TV stations highlighted the meetings in its spec, as are newspaper reporters.

Media coverage continues to extend beyond the Chicago outlets. On Monday morning, CNN ran a segment about the release of the video.

So far, the coverage highlights the city's efforts to urge peace ahead of the video's release. By Monday afternoon, coverage will likely shift to reflect what was discussed at the community outreach meetings and also note some groups deciding to decline an invitation to meet with City Hall officials.

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Noteworthy Coverage:

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Chicago leaders urge calm before police shooting video released

CNN

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"Chicago is on the tipping point," the Rev. Roosevelt Watkins said, according to CNN affiliate WLS. "We could be just like Ferguson."

Watkins was referring to Ferguson, Missouri, which imploded in protests and riots after a white police officer shot to death unarmed black teen Michael Brown in 2014. Unrest in the St. Louis suburb lasted for weeks.

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NBC News at 5:30 AM

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incident to the public by this Wednesday. Community leaders are concerned that video could spark unrest.

PASTOR BROOKS: Our goal, however, is to make sure that there are peaceful protests and to make sure that the community has a list of demands and that we have a voice that's collective and not just a couple of us, but a lot of us speaking for our community.

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ANCHOR: Mayor Rahm Emanuel will meet with community and religious leaders this afternoon to prepare for backlash when a video showing a Chicago police officer shooting 17-year old Laquan McDonald becomes public. It's been very controversial. Mike Puccinelli with more on the videos release and also with what Chicago pastors are worried about.

PUCCINELLI: It happened back in October 2014, but reverberations from the bullets fired on that day will impact Chicago and all across the country. That is because the video of the shooting of Laquan McDonald could be released as early as today. He is the teenager shot 16 times by Chicago police officers on Pulaski road. The incident was caught on dashboard camera. City paid family five million dollars. City lawyers reviewed the video and said the 17- year-old was walking away when he was gunned down. There is potentially inflammatory nature.

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ANCHOR: A group of local pastors and community leaders will meet with Mayor Emanuel later today to promote a peaceful response to the release of a video showing a Chicago police officer shooting a black teen.

WANG: They are urging people to remain calm. They say how the mayor response will play a key role and the ball is in his court. Under court orders to release this video by Wednesday. A group of church leaders and community activists met last night at the new beginnings church in Woodlawn. This afternoon they will give the mayor their recommendations in anticipation of a committee of reaction may be. Chicago police received a call about a 17 year-old acting erratically near 41st and Pulaski and Archer heights in 2014. McDonald had PCP in his system.

Laquan McDonald Video Release Has Police Preparing, Activists Urging Peace **DNAInfo**

Rev. Michael Pflieger of St. Sabina's, a prominent anti-violence activist on the South Side, said the city reached out to him to learn about his plans surrounding the video release. They are concerned about potential violence and hope Pflieger will be a voice for peace, he told DNAinfo Chicago.

“Of course I’m gonna be that,” Pflieger said. “I never, ever, ever believe in violence being the response. I’m a follower of Dr. King. I believe in the power of non-violence. Civil disobedience, yes. But non-violence.

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ABC News Chicago: Mayor to meet with community activists Monday ahead of Laquan McDonald video release.

- RT: 57

CNN: Chicago leaders urge calm before police shooting video released.

- RT: 180

Chicago Tribune: The expected release this week of video of police shooting will cast spotlight on Chicago <http://trib.in/1T9IPYd>

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Dana Rebik (WGN): Young black organizers deny mtg with Mayor Emanuel on release of Laquan McDonald shooting video, holding news conference at noon. @WGNNews

FACEBOOK

No major update from yesterday

Michael Pfleger: The officer who killed Laquan McDonald, who is still being paid.... His lawyer said yesterday that the shooting was justified because the officer felt threatened.....How much of a threat was he after getting shot 3 times,,,that gave you permission to shoot 13 more times????? We should be mad and demonstrate, but Peacefully....Civil Disobedience is good...but if we respond in violence then we are no different than the oppressor!!!!

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Not much changed - things have really slowed

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Monday, November 23, 2015 – PM Update

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Following this afternoon's developments, coverage has focused on the Sun-Times report that the officer will be indicted, as well as YOUR comments today. Most of the reporting has noted that you called the shooting "hideous." The reporting also notes that you said today that you have not seen the video.

Furthermore, coverage now includes commentary from community leaders that you met with today. Some voices have been helpful and others have been unhelpful, like Rev. Ira Acree who said that protests are "imminent."

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Noteworthy Coverage:

Sneed exclusive: Officer who shot Laquan McDonald to be charged Tuesday **Chicago Sun-Times**

Sneed has learned a criminal probe launched by Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez into the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald is expected to result in criminal charges Tuesday against 37-year-old Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke.

Sneed hears rumbles murder charges were on the table.

The shocker: If a murder charge is placed against Officer Van Dyke, it will be the first time in Chicago history an "on duty" police officer was charged with such a crime.

Decision on charges in Laquan McDonald case coming Tuesday: source **WGN TV**

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez will make an announcement Tuesday about whether or not a white Chicago police officer will be charged in the shooting of a black teenager, a source tells WGN.

Two ministers invited to the meeting Monday afternoon say they think Emanuel is going to ask them to call for calm.

Ira Acree and Marshall Hatch say blacks in the city are upset about the shooting and the city's refusal for several months to release the video.

Pfleger Tells Flock to Block Mag Mile On Friday to Protest Laquan McDonald **DNAInfo**

"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

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Emanuel calls Laquan McDonald shooting 'hideous,' urges peaceful response **Sun-Times**

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Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 5:45 AM
To: Mitchell, Eileen
Subject: Re: Update

Yep- we'll get one. I think my advancer was asleep last night!

Will reply to chain with room.

Sent from [Outlook](#)

On Tue, Nov 24, 2015 at 3:26 AM -0800, "Mitchell, Eileen" <Eileen.Mitchell@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

David and Ken are also confirmed.
Reminder on need for room.
Thanks.

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

On Nov 23, 2015, at 10:42 PM, Mitchell, Eileen <Eileen.Mitchell@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

Adam, Janey and I are confirmed.
Kelley cannot attend.
LM and text David.
No response from CLO or KEN. Can always loop them in on a bridge - mine using my mobile.

From: Mitchell, Eileen
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 10:10 PM
To: Collins, Adam; Spielfogel, David; Rountree, Janey; Ewing, Clothilde; Bennett, Kenneth; Quinn, Kelley
Cc: Hall, Abby
Subject: Update

MRE would like us to meet with him in the morning before the 8:15 event. Please plan to meet on Navy Pier at 7:45. Abby will secure the room. If you cannot attend, please let me know. I know Adam and I will be there.
Thanks.
Eileen

From: Hill, Kathleen
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:55 AM
To: Stockdale, Sarah
Subject: RE: concerned about this weekend - resources for scholars

You can text 741741 from anywhere and speak to a Crisis Counselor.

Working on getting you a one pager.

From: Stockdale, Sarah
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 9:11 AM
To: Hill, Kathleen
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Importance: High

Do you have info about the Chicago crisis hotline?

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Hi friends,

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I am about to draft a message to our scholars from OMD – thanksgiving for them, expressing our support for them and belief in them, and hope for their safety and well-being. I would also like to give them any resources that could be helpful if they are in need or in danger.

Any ideas? Hotlines?

All suggestions appreciated –

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CC: Hill, Kathleen
Subject: RE: concerned about this weekend - resources for scholars

Sure.

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Do you mind sending us what you are going to send out before? (Not to approve just as an FYI). Thanks!

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Good luck, all - and happy Thanksgiving.

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Subject: concerned about this weekend - resources for scholars

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Hi friends,

I'm coming to work this morning with a heavy heart, angry, and incredibly worried about what is going to happen in this city over the weekend as the Laquan McDonald video is released. OMD Scholars live in the neighborhoods that are (obviously) already affected by violence, but will be in the middle of the storm if there are riots.

I am about to draft a message to our scholars from OMD – thanksgiving for them, expressing our support for them and belief in them, and hope for their safety and well-being. I would also like to give them any resources that could be helpful if they are in need or in danger.

Any ideas? Hotlines?

All suggestions appreciated –

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AMY GOODMAN: So what are you calling for right now, Charlene Carruthers?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: We're calling for what we have always called for, we're calling for massive divestment and defunding of the police and investment in black communities. As I mentioned earlier, Chicago Police Department comprises 40 percent of our budget. That absolutely has to change. We're calling on what — most recently we have called on the firing of officer Dante Servin, and just last night we learned that superintendent Gary McCarthy is recommending that he is fired. And so we want that to continue. We want full decriminalization of black people in the city, be it for minor marijuana offenses or any other behaviors when other people engage in them they're not criminalized for it. I mean, I want all kinds of things, but our demands have not changed that focus squarely on defunding the police and investing in things like public schools. And that's something that the mayor could do and we are committed to organizing to make that happen.

AMY GOODMAN: Reverend Ira Acree, a pastor at the greater St. John Bible Church, told reporters after meeting with the mayor, "many in my community feel betrayed... Protests are imminent... We're hoping that these protests and demonstrations will be peaceful. We know they are coming. If there would be no protest, that would mean that we have become immune to this madness." I wanted to go back to Jamie Kalven. How unusual is it for a police officer to be indicted for first-degree murder?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: So —

JAMIE KALVEN: Did she ask?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: Um hm.

JAMIE KALVEN: What was the question?

AMY GOODMAN: Jamie? How — Jamie Kalven, can you hear me? — unusual is it for a police officer to be indicted?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: How unusual is it for a police officer to be indicted?

JAMIE KALVEN: So this will be, assuming the indictment comes down today, this will be the first time in Chicago history that a police officer has been criminally charged for an on-duty shooting. So we're in this curious space where this is an unprecedented and in some ways monumental event. And at the same time, sort of the capstone of, I'm not sure cover-up is the right word, but a profoundly false narrative that has been maintained by the city about what happened that night on October 20.

AMY GOODMAN: Jamie Kalven, and I know that you don't have an earpiece so Charlene has to say it to you. So Charlene you can say it even as I'm speaking, we'll pull down your mic. Can you talk about what the invisible Institute has found when it comes to police being held responsible for police brutality?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: Right, so I think that really is a critical part of the story. When we talk about police accountability, it has two dimensions. One are the particular abuses.

Even if you imagine the best trained police force in a city the size and complexity of Chicago with a police of roughly 13,000, bad things will happen. The critical question is, how does the institution of the police department, and the larger institutions of the city, respond when they do? If you have an effective disciplinary system, vigorous investigation, that incentivizes good behavior, it reduces the number of abusive incidents, it builds public confidence it builds a degree of trust between communities and the police. That's not what we have in Chicago. And we have statistics, and they are the city's — based on the city's information, that demonstrate that this is a system that is largely dedicated to not connecting the dots, to not knowing things it's within the city's power to know about fundamental human rights violations against citizens.

The consequence of that, you know, you cited before 97 percent of complaints ending in findings of not sustained, which is a kind of a shrug. We can't figure out what happened. And among the small number of sustained complaints, it's an infinitesimal number that actually gets any meaningful discipline. So what the statistics that we have amassed and have made public reflect, it's a kind of a portrait of if impunity. It means that those officers — and they're a small — they're not — it's not a few bad apples, as is sometimes said, it's still a significant number of officers and they're not evenly distributed through the city, they're in some neighborhoods and not other neighborhoods, but it's still a relatively small subset of the department is responsible for the lions share of abuse. But in a dysfunctional system where they have a kind of de facto impunity, those officers who are disposed to be abusive — and abuse can take many different forms, outright racism, enjoyment of brutality, sort of perverse pleasure in acts of cruelty, corruption, shakedowns of drug dealers, robbing citizens, you know, vile behavior towards women — whatever the pattern of officers inclined to be abusive, they're much more likely to act if they know that they have de facto impunity. That they're very unlikely to be identified. If identified they won't be effectively investigated. If investigated, they won't be subjected — and a finding is made that abuse occurred — they won't face meaningful discipline.

So this is a system dedicated to not knowing things that could be known. And if the city did look for patterns in the citizen complaints and really, as I say, try to connect the dots, it would be an immensely useful tool for protecting citizens and also for protecting officers. I mean, for intervening before small problems become big problems, to intervene with particular officers. And at a time when there is such profound distrust and alienation from the police in the neighborhoods most affected, and such a lack of confidence — such a crisis of legitimacy for the institutions of criminal justice, this is one of the things within the power of the city to do, to begin to restore a degree of confidence, to begin to restore a degree of trust. But it has to start — and I think this is really an important aspect of — it's a way in which, Charlene was saying, Laquan McDonald has now joined Michael Brown and another a number of other names as our kind of shorthand for fundamental defining structural issues in American life.

And the importance of our current debate and discussion of the video and of what happened that night is nothing can go forward, nothing — we cannot reform and improve the conditions we have right now if we don't first acknowledge the realities. And in this case we could have — the reality of what happened that night could have been acknowledged the next day, the next week, it could have been acknowledged at the time without prejudicing any investigation going forward, any criminal prosecution. This was public information that was withheld from the public. The importance of the statistics and the analysis of the city's own figures on — its own information on complaints is there is an opportunity there to be diagnostically smart about what the true conditions are, but we have to reckon with reality before we can go forward with sensible and just common sense reforms that are within our reach to do.

AMY GOODMAN: Charlene Carruthers, is there a protest planned for today? Again, in these two days, it's expected that the police officer Van Dyke will be indicted for first-degree murder and that the city will release the video of the police killing of Laquan McDonald on October 20, 2014.

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: So after each time we learn of a tragic moment or a tragic

moment like the killing of Laquan McDonald becomes — goes on public display and there is an opportunity, a political — an opening for us to bring in more young black folks into this movement to actually, not just received justice for Laquan McDonald, but to end police brutality and police violence in this country, we do something. We are organizers. And so, there will be actions in the wake of the release of the video. But what I will say, is that everything that we do is centered around how do we build on this moment? How do we make it so there are no more parents like Laquan McDonald's mother who have to mourn their children after they have been gunned down, after they been section assaulted, after they have been harassed, after they have been stopped and frisked, after they have been incarcerated? What can we do to make sure that doesn't happen again? And so, actually, today we're holding a healing space for black folks on the — in the center of the city. And if folks are interested in more information, they should check out our social media. But, for us, we know what the media is going to do, we know that young black people will be vilified regardless as to what happens, whether it's a so-called peaceful protest or so-called not peaceful protest, because, what we know for sure is that the police are highly unlikely to be peaceful with us. And so, we're focused on protecting each other and making sure that our work moves forward.

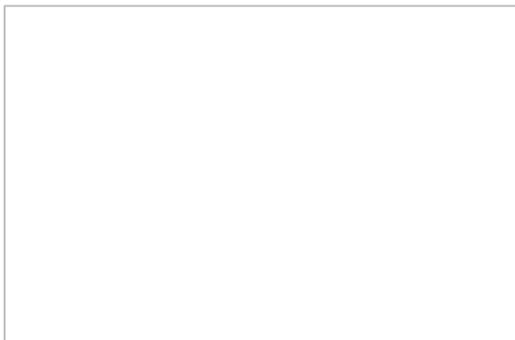
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CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: We're calling for what we have always called for, we're calling for massive divestment and defunding of the police and investment in black communities. As I mentioned earlier, Chicago Police Department comprises 40 percent of our budget. That absolutely has to change. We're calling on what — most recently we have called on the firing of officer Dante Servin, and just last night we learned that superintendent Gary McCarthy is recommending that he is fired. And so we want that to continue. We want full decriminalization of black people in the city, be it for minor marijuana offenses or any other behaviors when other people engage in them they're not criminalized for it. I mean, I want all kinds of things, but our demands have not changed that focus squarely on defunding the police and investing in things like public schools. And that's something that the mayor could do and we are committed to organizing to make that happen.

AMY GOODMAN: Reverend Ira Acree, a pastor at the greater St. John Bible Church, told reporters after meeting with the mayor, "many in my community feel betrayed... Protests are imminent... We're hoping that these protests and demonstrations will be peaceful. We know they are coming. If there would be no protest, that would mean that we have become immune to this madness." I wanted to go back to Jamie Kalven. How unusual is it for a police officer to be indicted for first-degree murder?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: So —

JAMIE KALVEN: Did she ask?

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AMY GOODMAN: Jamie? How — Jamie Kalven, can you hear me? — unusual is it for a police officer to be indicted?

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: How unusual is it for a police officer to be indicted?

JAMIE KALVEN: So this will be, assuming the indictment comes down today, this will be the first time in Chicago history that a police officer has been criminally charged for an on-duty shooting. So we're in this curious space where this is an unprecedented and in some ways monumental event. And at the same time, sort of the capstone of, I'm not sure cover-up is the right word, but a profoundly false narrative that has been maintained by the city about what happened that night on October 20.

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CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: Right, so I think that really is a critical part of the story. When we talk about police accountability, it has two dimensions. One are the particular abuses.

Even if you imagine the best trained police force in a city the size and complexity of Chicago with a police of roughly 13,000, bad things will happen. The critical question is, how does the institution of the police department, and the larger institutions of the city, respond when they do? If you have an effective disciplinary system, vigorous investigation, that incentivizes good behavior, it reduces the number of abusive incidents, it builds public confidence it builds a degree of trust between communities and the police. That's not what we have in Chicago. And we have statistics, and they are the city's — based on the city's information, that demonstrate that this is a system that is largely dedicated to not connecting the dots, to not knowing things it's within the city's power to know about fundamental human rights violations against citizens.

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And the importance of our current debate and discussion of the video and of what happened that night is nothing can go forward, nothing — we cannot reform and improve the conditions we have right now if we don't first acknowledge the realities. And in this case we could have — the reality of what happened that night could have been acknowledged the next day, the next week, it could have been acknowledged at the time without prejudicing any investigation going forward, any criminal prosecution. This was public information that was withheld from the public. The importance of the statistics and the analysis of the city's own figures on — its own information on complaints is there is an opportunity there to be diagnostically smart about what the true conditions are, but we have to reckon with reality before we can go forward with sensible and just common sense reforms that are within our reach to do.

AMY GOODMAN: Charlene Carruthers, is there a protest planned for today? Again, in these two days, it's expected that the police officer Van Dyke will be indicted for first-degree murder and that the city will release the video of the police killing of Laquan McDonald on October 20, 2014.

CHARLENE CARRUTHERS: So after each time we learn of a tragic moment or a tragic

moment like the killing of Laquan McDonald becomes — goes on public display and there is an opportunity, a political — an opening for us to bring in more young black folks into this movement to actually, not just received justice for Laquan McDonald, but to end police brutality and police violence in this country, we do something. We are organizers. And so, there will be actions in the wake of the release of the video. But what I will say, is that everything that we do is centered around how do we build on this moment? How do we make it so there are no more parents like Laquan McDonald's mother who have to mourn their children after they have been gunned down, after they been section assaulted, after they have been harassed, after they have been stopped and frisked, after they have been incarcerated? What can we do to make sure that doesn't happen again? And so, actually, today we're holding a healing space for black folks on the — in the center of the city. And if folks are interested in more information, they should check out our social media. But, for us, we know what the media is going to do, we know that young black people will be vilified regardless as to what happens, whether it's a so-called peaceful protest or so-called not peaceful protest, because, what we know for sure is that the police are highly unlikely to be peaceful with us. And so, we're focused on protecting each other and making sure that our work moves forward.

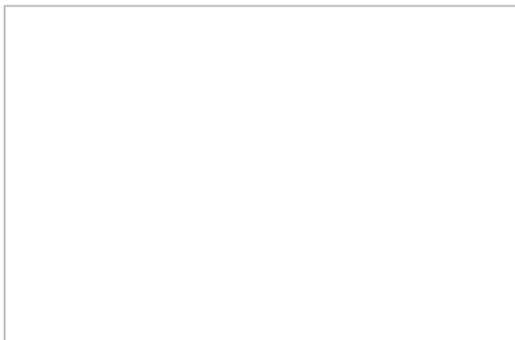
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Where Laquan was shot, happening now

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FACEBOOK

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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, there is some momentum thus far regarding the release of the video. A leading hashtag is #LaquanMcDonald but it is not trending. Articles about the video continue to drive most of the social media interest.

There is potential for online organizing to occur later this week. Many students, young members of the community, and community leaders have tweeted about Laquan McDonald, some noting that they are glad the video will be released.

Currently, commentary has consisted of: disgust for the shooting; blame for why it took so long for justice to occur; news that the 1st Chicago cop to be charged with murder while on duty.

TWITTER

Outlets:

The Daily Beast: He becomes the 1st Chicago cop charged with 1st-degree murder on duty—after he pumped 16 shots into Laquan McDonald <http://thebea.st/1R2BaKW>

- RT: 25

Think Progress: Chicago officer who shot black teen 16 times to be charged with first degree murder <http://thkpr.gs/3725304>

- RT: 123

ABC National News: JUST IN: Chicago cop charged with murder in fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald: <http://abcn.ws/1OqeUrL>

- RT: 65

Slate Magazine: Report: Chicago cop who shot Laquan McDonald 16 times will be charged with murder. <http://slate.me/1MAadvhS>

- RT: 54

Complex Magazine: Chicago cop charged with first-degree murder after shooting Laquan McDonald 16 times: <http://trib.al/vei3zSu>

- RT: 341

CNN: Just In: Chicago police officer charged with first-degree murder in death of Laquan McDonald <http://cnn.it/1IdRPUG>

- RT: 552

New York Daily News: Chicago cop who shot teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times will be charged for 1st-degree murder <http://nydn.us/1XnY3Ix>

- RT: 792

CBS Chicago: [@GovRauner](#) calls police video "troubling." #LaquanMcDonald #JasonVanDyke #Chicago

- RT: 4

Democracy Now!: "Unfortunately, the community being told to remain peaceful is not the Chicago PD" - [@charlenecac](#) on #LaquanMcDonald

- RT: 126

Individuals:

Shaun King (NYDN columnist): EVERYONE who saw #LaquanMcDonald be shot & who saw the video, said this was 1st degree murder A YEAR AGO. [@RahmEmanuel](#) messed up...

- RT: 71

Wesley Lowery (WaPo reporter who played big role in covering Ferguson): For 1st time in history, a Chicago police officer has been charged w/ murder for an on-duty shooting

- RT: 143

Richard Boykin: United with other elected officials & clergy calling for peaceful protest ahead of Laquan McDonald video release.

Rahiel Tesfamariam (Chicago Activist): Block Magnificent Mile on #BlackFriday for Laquan McDonald, Father Pfleger Tells Flock <http://dnain.fo/1I70ops>

Reverend Corey Brooks: I am asking people who believe in prayer to pray for our city 48hrs of prayer Tues 6pm - Thurs 6pm Pray where you are, with us, for us #pray

- RT: 5

Kurt Summers: My prayers are with the family and loved ones of Laquan McDonald. This loss of life is an outrage. Full statement: <http://tinyurl.com/nbssezv>

FACEBOOK

State Senator Kwame Raoul: When I learned that a video of Laquan McDonald's final moments was to be released to the public, I knew that many would fear its impact, remembering the self-destruction oppressed communities elsewhere have experienced following acts of police brutality and excessive force.

I believe we can do better in Chicago. But I am not calling for calm. There's nothing to be calm about. Instead, I'm calling for sustained, focused, constructive outrage that demands full accountability but doesn't destroy community.

Because of legislation I advanced earlier this year, we now have legal protocols in place that mandate independent investigations of police-involved deaths, expose the misdeeds of rogue cops so they don't quietly move from one department to another, require improved officer training on bias and the use of force and establish funding and protocols for the use of body cameras.

But I know it's not enough.

Everyone responsible in this atrocity – not only Officer Van Dyke, but any individual who participated in a cover-up that delayed justice for Laquan McDonald and his family – must be held accountable. We should direct our outrage toward asking our local prosecutor whether it would have taken 13 months to resolve this case if the video had shown a civilian committing the same act. We should ask why Officer Van Dyke was still on the beat after 17 public complaints were filed against him and the City paid half a million dollars to settle allegations that he had used excessive force. We should question the ability of Chicago's independent police review authority, which has recently come under scrutiny from the Better Government Association, to do its job with integrity. And as we call on our neighbors to abandon the no-snitch code, in our outrage we demand the same of law enforcement.

Watch the video. Don't be destructive. But don't be calm.

Tio Hardiman: Calling on all of my friends and supporters to join me tomorrow for a Special Tribute to Laquan McDonald at 10:30am on the corner of 40th and Pulaski. Burger King Parking lot area. This is the location where Laquan was gunned down. Spread the word. We come together in peace and harmony.

Black Youth Project 100: Black Folks are welcomed and encouraged to join each other in community en lieu of the traumatic video being released of our beloved brother, Laquan McDonald. Today at 2:30 PM.

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From: De Vries, Jeff [JDevries@tln.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 4:04 PM
To: De Vries, Jeff
Subject: Pastor Corey Brooks - 48 Hours of Prayer

Pastor Corey Brooks is calling for 48 hours of prayer for Chicago starting at 6pm tonight. Help curtail a possible uprising in Chicago because of the release of Laquan McDonald video. Share in prayer.

Long Version: <https://vimeo.com/146832483>
Short Version: <https://vimeo.com/146817697>

peace,
Jeff De Vries
Production Manager
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From: Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention [ilaacpinfo@ilaacp.org@mail11.atl91.mcsv.net]

Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 5:27 PM

To: Henry, Vance

Subject: 16 Shots, 400 Days Later

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November 24th, 2015

Dear Vance,

The story of 17-year old Laquan McDonald is a tragic tale of a failed system, designed to save our children. Through a series of tragic events and DCFS involvement, Laquan surpassed expectations by turning his life around, attending school regularly, working towards graduation and obtaining summer employment. On October 20, 2014, the life of Laquan came to an even more tragic end. The simple details are that police were called to 40th and Karlov, due to reports of a man with a knife and shortly thereafter, Laquan was dead. The more intricate details will unfold as we review the released dash cam video.

The Illinois African American Coalition for Prevention (ILAACP) stands in solidarity with activists, clergy and community organizers in the demand for justice. We seek answers and accountability for the chain of events that led to Laquan McDonald's death. We seek answers and accountability for the nearly 400 day delay in releasing the dash cam video and charging officer Van Dyke with murder. We seek justice, not retribution. We also ask for peaceful demonstration of our first amendment rights in seeking that justice.

While there are undoubtedly numerous questions that need to be answered, there are equally numerous possibilities for us to advance equitable strategies that strengthen the Chicago Police Department's relationship with communities of color, especially police interaction with our young black men and boys. And let us not stop there. Let's leverage our collective outrage and concern over Laquan's death to demand intensive financial and human capital investments (vs. superficial) in Chicago communities that continue to unfairly bear a disproportionate share of our city's open air drug markets, food deserts, lack of affordable housing, poor performing schools, wanton violence, and unemployment.

We have an opportunity before us to rewrite the narrative for all of the Rekia Boyds, Laquan McDonalds, and Tyshawn Lees of Chicago. We have an opportunity to build safer, healthier, and more resilient African American children, families, and communities. Let us seize, and not squander, this opportunity.

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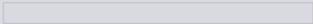
**#BLACKLIVESMATTER #SAFEHEALTHYRESILIENT
#BLACKCOMMUNITIESMATTER**

Yours in Service and Struggle,

Malik S. Nevels, J.D.

P.S. If you or your organization would like for us to spread the word about a peaceful demonstration that you are planning, please email the event details to ilaacpinfo@ilaacp.org and we will disseminate to our social media network.

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To: Seitz-Wald, Alexander (NBCUniversal)
Subject: RE: Request

Thanks man. Hope you're doing well.

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From: Matthews, Felicia [flmatthews@cps.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:08 PM
To: CommunicationsDept; Huffman, Lauren
CC: Spector, Stephen
Subject: 11.24.15 Daily CPS Communications Report
Attachment(s): "11.24.15 Laquan McDonald Parent Letter.pdf"

11.24.15 Daily CPS Communications Report

Stories Scheduled to Appear

LaQuan McDonald Video

The press was sent a letter that CPS sent out to parents today regarding the release of the LaQuan McDonald video. A copy of the letter is attached.

Hedges Elementary

Parents protested today outside of Hedges Elementary in response to the transition of the principal. CPS sent the following statement: "Principal Garcia has stepped down from the position of principal at Hedges Elementary School effective Friday, November 20. CPS will work with the LSC, parents and the community as the school transitions and in conducting a search to identify new leadership."

Stories In Play

Editorial Boards//CEO Forrest Claypool

Today CEO Forrest Claypool met with the both the Sun-Times and Tribune Editorial Boards about the 20 for 20 ask. Both boards are scheduled to write stories about this in the coming days.

David Kidwell//Tribune

David is looking into speed camera violations by school buses. We are working with Transportation for a response.

Univision//Selective Enrollment

Univision will be covering an informative story on the selective enrollment process. Interviews are scheduled for next week.

CBS//Associated Press//ABC//StoryCorps

CBS, the Associated Press and ABC (Leah Hope) are working on stories about StoryCorps. Stories are scheduled to run on or after Thanksgiving.

Fiona Ortiz//Reuters

Fiona is writing a story about companies and tutors that provide test prep on selective enrollment exams. CPS is providing statistical data and clarification on our practices.

Sarah Karp//Teacher Diversity

Karp is writing a story about the some of the District's challenges in hiring diverse teachers. She received the data from a FOIA request which included the demographic information of hires the past few years._

Diane Rado//Tribune

Diane is working on a state overview story on the 5 essentials. She did a strong interview today with the principal at Devry High School about why they are so successful compared to other schools in the state. Story expected to run this week.

Sarah Karp //BGA//CPD

Jadine Chou, Chief of Safety and Security, is doing an interview with Sarah regarding CPS' relationship with the Chicago Police Department.

Elizabeth Campbell//Bloomberg

Elizabeth is working on a story about the way we finance our line of credit and why it is a private placement and not public.

Alex Nitkin//DNA Info

Alex is working on a story about the OneGoal program at Bowen High School. They have had great success with CPS and have programs in 60 schools. Alex is going to interview a student and the program director at Bowen High School. Story is expected to run this week.

Social Media and Digital

Facebook

Today's [posts](#) highlighted the Wells Fargo Coat Drive and a reminder about the Thanksgiving holiday break. Yesterday's Facebook [post](#) featured a blog post from a parent thanking CPS teachers at Clissold ES (reached nearly 6,000). We also posted the press release announcing new student records on AP exam (reached over 7,800).

Twitter

[Tweets](#) included reminder of thanksgiving holiday, #CPSThanks, Hour of Code, Teacher PDs, StoryCorps, congrats to Phillips and Curie and . We had over 13,600 impressions.

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Dear CPS Parent or Guardian,

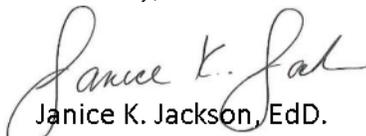
As you may be aware, video footage surrounding the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald will soon be released to the public. This footage is sure to raise many emotions among our children, and we want you to know that CPS will do everything possible to meet their needs.

First, please know that this video will not be shown in our schools. Even so, we know that many students will likely be discussing it and may be upset by its violent content. 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. The toolkit suggests the students continue the conversation at home, sharing what they've learned with their parents and having an open dialogue.

In addition to the steps we are taking in the classroom, our school counselors are always available to speak with students who may need additional support. When you are talking with your children about this situation, please encourage them to reach out to their counselors for help at any time.

We appreciate you partnering with us as we work to help our students process this difficult turn of events. If you have any questions about how this situation will be handled in your child's school, please contact your principal directly.

Sincerely,



Janice K. Jackson, EdD.
Chief Education Officer

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2015 6:21 PM
To: Holm, James (NBCUniversal)
Subject: RE: Chicago request

Thank you

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To: Spector, Stephen
CC: Quinn, Kelley
Subject: TN

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CT/Lara

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To: Klinzman, Grant
Subject: RE: Tomorrow's News

Not the best timing for dcase

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Hate to tell ya dcase, but....

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To: Quinn, Kelley
Subject: coverage
Attachment(s): "Laquan Media Coverage Update 11.24.15 PM.doc"

Let me know if you'd like any additions. Will update in the morning.

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:

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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.

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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.

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“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**

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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?"

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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.

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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.

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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."

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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.”

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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.

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TWITTER

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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 be 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>

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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

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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>

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

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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**

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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**

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"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."

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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

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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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Let me know if you'd like any additions. Will update in the morning.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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

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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.

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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."

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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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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 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 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.

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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.

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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."

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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.

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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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The release of the video was the leading news item across the country on Tuesday's 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.

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 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 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

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.

McDonald was killed in October 2014. The city's mayor has called for peace.

"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," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said. "We as a city must rise to this moment."

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.

“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.

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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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. Reverend 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 protestors 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 protestors 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 protestors 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 Pflieger 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, shouting matches, 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 protestors 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.

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

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

The release of the video was the leading news item across the country on Tuesday 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.

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 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 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

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.

McDonald was killed in October 2014. The city's mayor has called for peace.

"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," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said. "We as a city must rise to this moment."

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.

“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.

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. Reverend 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 protestors 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 protestors 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 protestors 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 Pflieger 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, shouting matches, 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 protestors 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/1QGQLkf>

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

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#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>

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Behind on Justice

Chicago, November 25, 2015: Four hundred days. That is too long for justice to be served for Laquan McDonald and his family. It is too long to bring to light the dashcam video of Laquan's final moments. And, it is too long to wait before we heard directly and fully from Mayor Emanuel, State's Attorney Alvarez and Police Superintendent McCarthy. It is only yesterday when we finally heard answers to questions that Chicagoans have been asking. This painstaking delay is especially poignant for communities of color and areas of concentrated poverty that do not feel that they are being well served by Chicago's police department. Four hundred days of silence by those who have primary responsibility for the safety of Chicagoans simply reinforces distrust in the very institutions that they oversee. Significant reforms must be undertaken now or that distrust will be irreversible.

The motto of the Chicago police department is "We Serve and Protect." The inaction of the last 400 days begs the question as to what is being served and protected. We need to change the culture that protects the bad apples who act without regard to life and who bring dishonor to law enforcement. It is time for leaders who have been unwilling to listen to communities of color to return the idea of service to its rightful place. My experience in Little Village where we have worked hard to bring the community and police together shows that local solutions can work and that public service, not rogue terror, will bring about constructive change.

But, it does not stop at the community level. We also need to change a criminal justice system that allows this type of slow-walked justice to occur. It is true that the City Council quickly settled the civil matter with the family of Laquan, but the action by Officer Van Dyck on South Pulaski Road last year is not a private matter between the shooter and the victim. It is a Chicago matter that reflects on all of criminal justice. Reforms must be systemic.

It begins with listening and acting on the demands of Chicagoans. Young African American and Latino men and boys are most likely to suffer violent deaths or be incarcerated. And yet, we hear a lot of lip service when protesters take to the streets. The phrase, “Black Lives Matter,” is not a statement that other lives do not matter. It tells us that Black lives have not mattered – and continue to not matter – but must matter if we are to have a justice system that serves all. It is a matter of human dignity, respect and recognition of true American values. So, we must give special focus to righting the injustices that have been and continue to be felt, especially by African American Chicagoans.

What our police do and act must also be reformed. It starts with training that is reinforced at every level of the department. There is no tougher job than being a police officer. They need the best training, the best equipment, and the best management. They need to know what is expected and be given every chance to succeed. They must also know that the public will have their backs when they stay within the rules. But, they also must know that individuals and the system as a whole will be held accountable when the rules are not followed. Last night’s events show us that body cameras with audio need to be adopted universally. Dashcams needs to be one of several views of police actions on the street. These are important teaching tools. These tools will help provide answers to questions of “what happened?” and “how did it happen?” We also need a civilian oversight board that is representative of all communities in Chicago and is given the teeth and independence to take action against the few rogue police officers who have acted dishonorably and illegally. The recent series by WBEZ on investigations of questioned police actions shows that the current system needs to be assessed and reformed.

Finally, the key actors in the criminal justice system here must come together on a set of reforms that puts the police, courts, jail, prosecutors and public defenders on the same page. The system of justice in Cook County is divided into separate silos. Clearly, the Mayor and the Chicago Police Department, the State’s Attorney, the Cook County Sheriff, the public defender, and the courts have distinct roles, and sometimes these roles are adversarial. But, they can and must operate within a common vision of service and public safety.

Right now, it appears that leadership is acted on from behind – 400 days behind. The problems that we face in Chicago cannot be solved by ignoring or putting a blanket over what is happening on our streets and in our neighborhoods. As we struggle to find constructive ways to release our anger, let us not forget that our communities only grow from within and finding solutions should be our greatest priority .

Jesus "Chuy" Garcia
Cook County Commissioner



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From: Marilyn Rhames [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 12:43 PM
Subject: "Why This Rich School in Chicago Desperately Wants to Merge With a Poor One"

Dear Blog Readers,

Chicago (and the world) is outraged about the police murder of Laquan McDonald and the subsequent cover up that may span all three branches of city government. Still, in the shadow of police abuse and systemic injustice, a hopeful story of racial reconciliation/integration emerges.

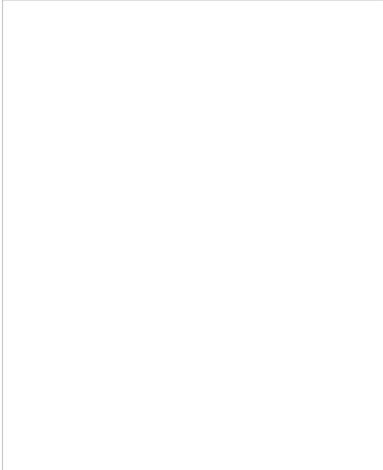
Please read: ["Made for Hollywood: Why This Rich School in Chicago Desperately Wants to Merge With a Poor One."](#)

Thank you and God bless,
Marilyn

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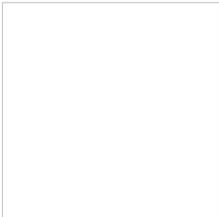
(Commissioner Richard R. Boykin Weekly News Letter Update) Happy Holiday! Anthony



Richard R. Boykin

***Cook County Commissioner,
1st District***

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WEEKLY UPDATE November 24, 2015

Dear Richard,

As we prepare to usher in Thanksgiving and the holiday season, the City of Chicago is experiencing one of the darkest moments in police and community relations. This week, the Chicago Police Department released dash cam video of 17-year old, Laquan McDonald, being shot 16 times by an officer.

While we are right to be outraged by this unimaginable act of murder and the delayed response to charge the police officer, I am united with leaders of conscience urging our fellow citizens to respond to this video in peaceful protest, to pray for healing and rally collectively to ensure liberty and justice for all. I am guided by the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. -- "darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that and hate cannot drive out hate only love can do that."



So as we fellowship with family and friends over the Thanksgiving observance, we must hold our leadership and members of law enforcement accountable to serve and protect every human being under the law, and deliver vital resources to our communities.

On Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 6:00 PM at Christ Tabernacle Church, 845 N. Central Avenue, Chicago, IL, myself along with other area elected officials and community leaders, will host a community discussion, entitled, "Where Do We Go From Here ?". I strongly encourage you and your neighbors to attend.

Get Involved!

Cook County Government Needs You!

"Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

This week, I want to shine the **1st District Constituent Spotlight** on **Dawn Ferencak**, Founder of West Side Business Network / West Side Bridge.

As a staff member at the Austin Weekly News, Dawn saw the need for greater community connections between the West Side of Chicago and the near west suburbs. With that need firmly in mind she founded the West Side Business Network and its subgroup, West Side Bridge in 2012 with the goal of bringing professionals from Chicago's West Side together with those from Oak Park and nearby suburbs to network and grow their businesses.

Dawn's efforts, which I admire and for which I am deeply grateful, are critical to connecting communities across borders and strengthening the larger community that is the 1st District.

One of the best ways to contribute to your community is by getting involved civically.

Please consider joining our team by serving on one of the following task forces:

- Criminal Justice Advisory Task Force
- Economic Development Advisory Task Force
- Education Advisory Task Force
- Environmental Advisory Task Force
- Faith-based and Community Partnerships Task Force
- Mental Health Advisory Task Force
- Parenting Advisory Task Force
- Housing Advisory Task Force

These task forces advise me as Cook County Commissioner of the 1st District on a wide range of issues that affect the public welfare. Each group plays a vital role in promoting efficient, effective, transparent and honest government. For many, serving on a task force is one of the most rewarding experiences of their lives.

To get involved by learning more and applying for membership, please contact my office at [\(312\) 603-4566](tel:3126034566) or Richard.Boykin@cookcountyil.gov

Let's work together to make the 1st District great!

1st District Holiday Open House

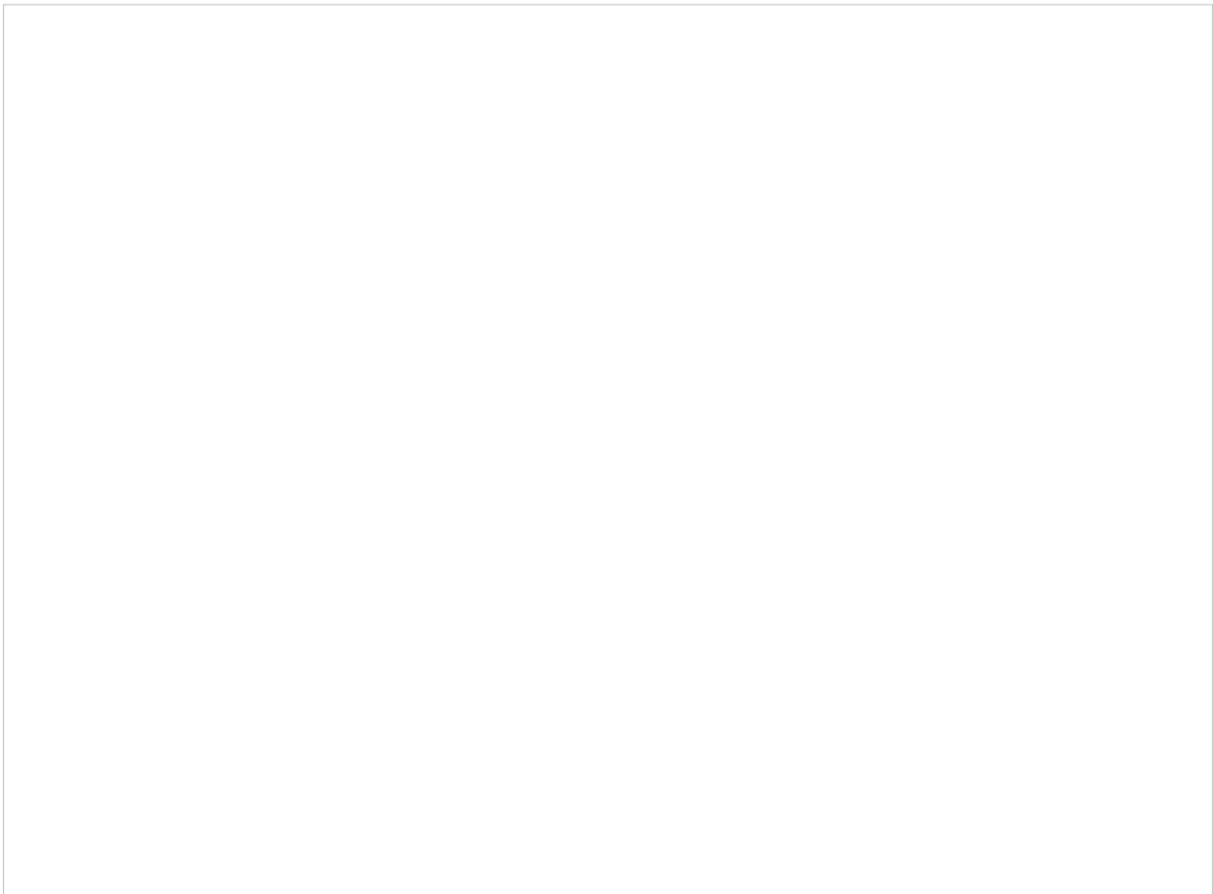
With the holiday season upon us, please make some time to stop by my 1st District Holiday Open House at my District Office in Forest Park:



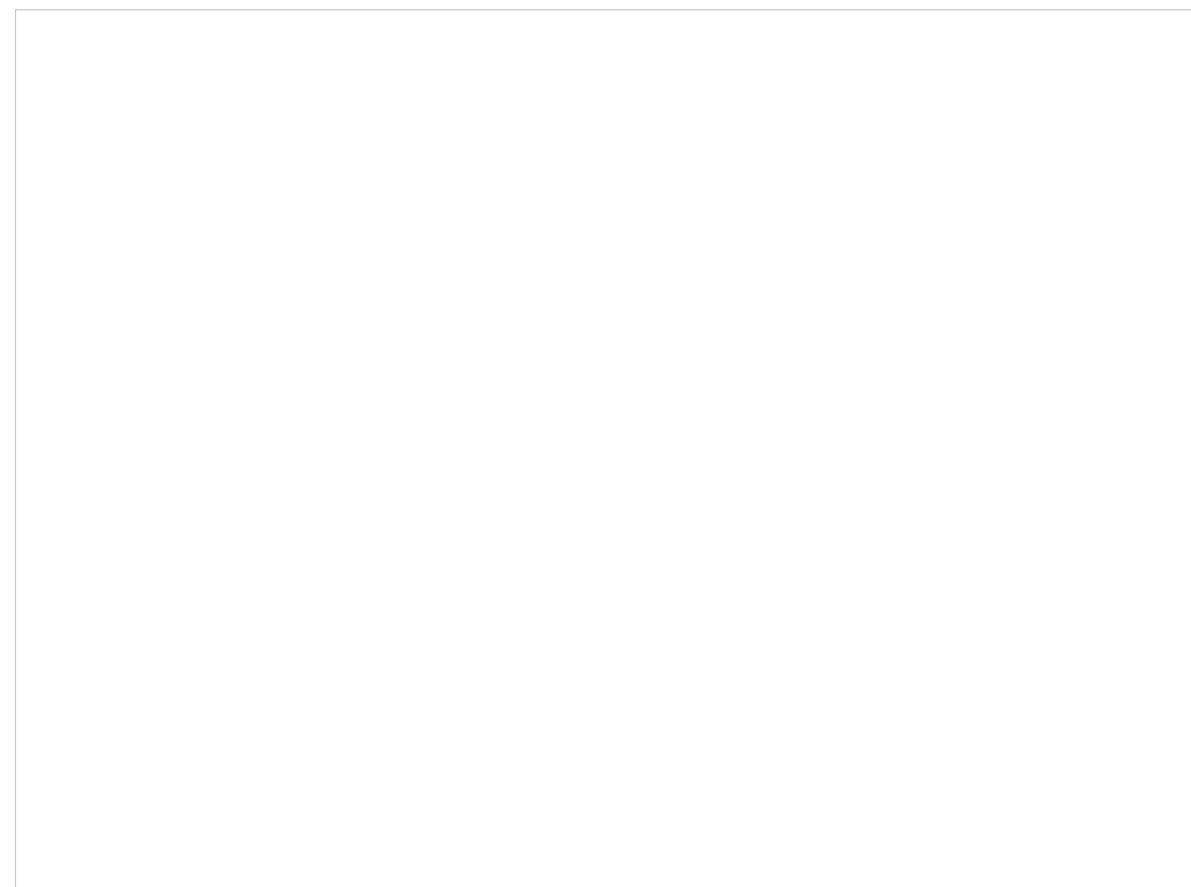
**1st District Holiday Open House
Saturday, December 5th
12 Noon - 2:00 PM
District Office
7221 Madison Street
Forest Park, IL**

For more information on the above events, please call [312-603-4566](tel:312-603-4566).

IN THE COMMUNITY



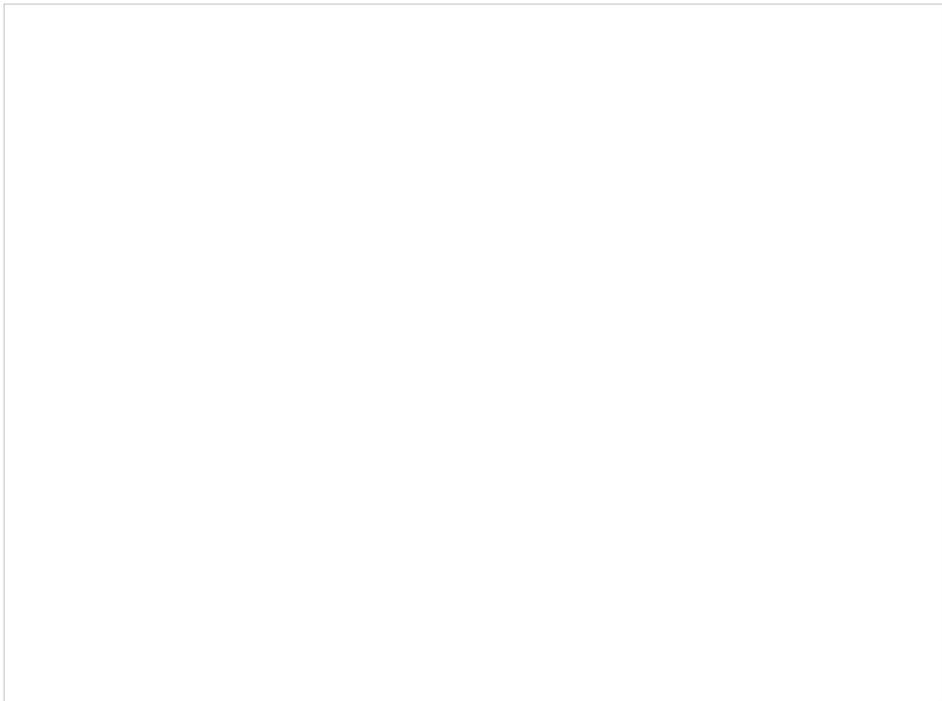
Serving seniors during the 1st District Senior Appreciation Luncheon & Gospel Concert.



Worshiping with seniors during the Gospel Luncheon and Concert at Rock of Ages Church in
Maywood, IL



Introducing Walt Whitman and the Soul Children Alumni Choir at Senior Appreciation Gospel Concert.



Giving thanks to the faithful partners that co-sponsored the concert:
Pastor Marvin Wiley, Rock of Ages Church, YaFawn Smith, ComCast, Walt Whitman, Gospel Great, Sherita Logan, Congressman Danny Davis' office, Isiah Brandon, Maywood Trustee, Minister Tim White, Concert MC and Mayor Edwenna Perkins, Maywood.

At Rainbow/PUSH with Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., announcing Resolution calling for a White House summit on Gun Violence to be held in Chicago.

Contact Us!

I love hearing from my constituents and encourage you to contact me and my staff any time with questions, concerns and feedback!

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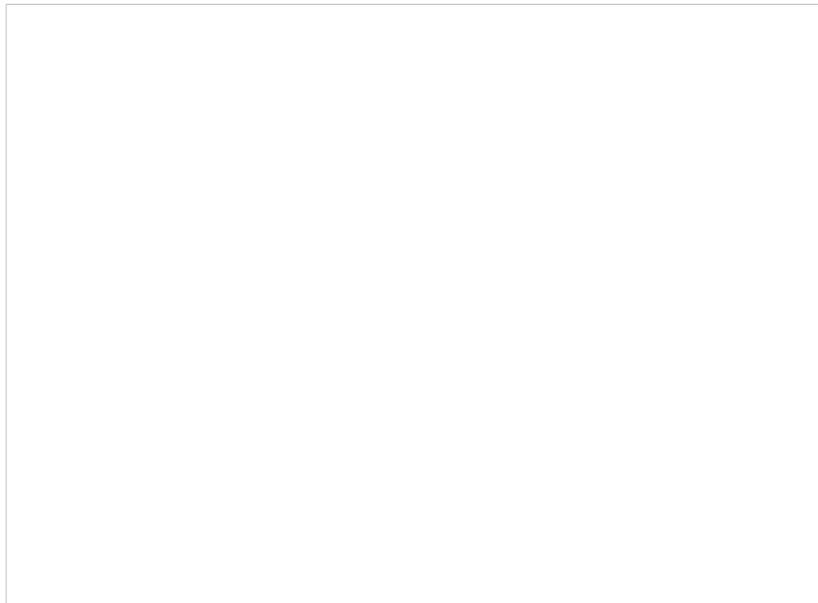
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I remain honored to serve as your Cook County Commissioner and am committed to representing your interests in county government.

Sincerely,



Richard R. Boykin, Cook County Commissioner, 1st District

ABOUT THE FIRST DISTRICT

The 1st District of Cook County is a large and diverse territory that includes the West Side and parts of the Northwest Side of Chicago, Oak Park, Forest Park, Maywood, Bellwood, Broadview, Westchester, and Hillside. To follow Commissioner Boykin on Social Media, click on the links below.

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From: Anthony Beckham (Board of Commissioners) [Anthony.Beckham@cookcountyil.gov]
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Subject: Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin Office
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Please join Cook County Commissioner Richard R. Boykin, Rev. David Ford, Congressman Danny K. Davis, Alderman Chris Taliaferro 29th Ward, State Rep. Camille Lilly, West Side Black Elected Officials, Youth Organizations, Community Leaders, Business Leaders, and Faith Based Leaders in a Community Discussion in regards to the Laquan McDonald video. The conversation will be all about "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE" as a community. We look forward to you attending this discussion and as always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at 1-312-603-4566. Please see pertinent information below. I have also attached the flier for you to share with others in your network.

Community Discussion in Response to the Laquan McDonald Video: Where Do We Go From Here

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 6PM

**CHRIST TABERNACLE M.B.C CHURCH
854 N. CENTRAL AVE. CHICAGO, IL**

HOSTED BY: REV. DAVID FORD

Best,
Anthony Beckham
Outreach Coordinator
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**1st District Cook County Commissioner
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West Side Black Elected Officials**

Presents:

***A Community Discussion:
Where Do We Go From Here?***

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

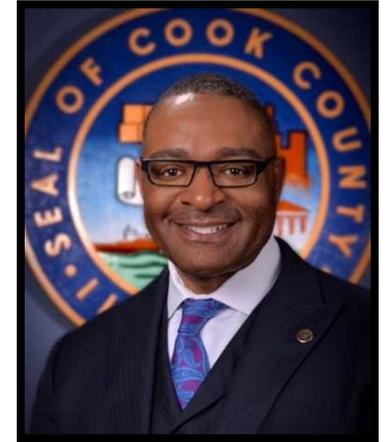
6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

**Elected officials, Faith Based Leaders, and Community
Leaders will be hosting a community discussion in response
to the **Laquan McDonald** video.**

**Christ Tabernacle M.B.C. Church
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Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 4:51 PM
To: CommunicationsDept; Huffman, Lauren; Spector, Stephen
Subject: 11.25.15 Daily CPS Communications Report

11.25.15 Daily CPS Communications Report

Stories Scheduled to Appear

Lauren Fitzpatrick (Sun-Times)//Juan Perez (Tribune)//LaQuan McDonald Video

Lauren and Juan both wrote stories about the letter and toolkit that was sent home to parents yesterday. Stories posted today.

CPS Realigns Special Education Funding to Meet the Needs of Every Diverse Learner

Today a press release was sent out stating that CPS will realign special education resources following a thorough review of diverse learner programs across the district to ensure resources are in place to meet the needs of every student with an Individualized Education Program (IEP).

Stories In Play

Monica Eng//WBEZ

Monica Eng is working on a story re: a petition and website that Roosevelt High School students have created where they are demanding better, fresher healthier food from Aramark. They claimed to have found a bug and blue plastic in their food and also that the fruit cups are frozen and food is out of date. CPS sent the following statement: "At Chicago Public Schools, the health and wellness of our students is among our top priorities, and we will look into the students' questions about their meals. Together with Aramark, we are committed to providing our schools with a food program that serves healthy and nutritious meals to all of our students." Story is expected to air next week.

Editorial Boards//CEO Forrest Claypool

Today CEO Forrest Claypool met with the both the Sun-Times and Tribune Editorial Boards about the 20 for 20 ask. Both boards are scheduled to write stories about this in the coming days.

David Kidwell//Tribune

David is looking into speed camera violations by school buses. We are working with Transportation for a response.

Univision//Selective Enrollment

Univision will be covering an informative story on the selective enrollment process. Interviews are scheduled for next week.

CBS//Associated Press//ABC//StoryCorps

CBS, the Associated Press and ABC (Leah Hope) are working on stories about StoryCorps. Stories are scheduled to run on or after Thanksgiving.

Fiona Ortiz//Reuters

Fiona is writing a story about companies and tutors that provide test prep on selective enrollment exams. CPS is providing statistical data and clarification on our practices.

Sarah Karp//Teacher Diversity

Karp is writing a story about some of the District's challenges in hiring diverse teachers. She received the data from a FOIA request which included the demographic information of hires the past few years._

Diane Rado//Tribune

Diane is working on a state overview story on the 5 essentials. She did a strong interview today with the principal at Devry High School about why they are so successful compared to other schools in the state. Story expected to run this week.

Sarah Karp //BGA//CPD

Jadine Chou, Chief of Safety and Security, is doing an interview with Sarah regarding CPS' relationship with the Chicago Police Department.

Elizabeth Campbell//Bloomberg

Elizabeth is working on a story about the way we finance our line of credit and why it is a private placement and not public.

Alex Nitkin//DNA Info

Alex is working on a story about the OneGoal program at Bowen High School. They have had great success with CPS and have programs in 60 schools. Alex is going to interview a student and the program director at Bowen High School. Story is expected

to run this week.

Social Media and Digital

Facebook

Today's [post](#) features a StoryCorps reminder for the Great Thanksgiving Listen. Yesterday's [posts](#) highlighted the Wells Fargo Coat Drive (reached nearly 500) and a reminder about the Thanksgiving holiday break (reached over 20,000).

Twitter

[Tweets](#) included reminder of Thanksgiving holiday, special education press release, #CPSThanks, Hour of Code, Teacher PDs, StoryCorps, reminder about Phillips IHSA Football game. We had over 13,800 impressions.

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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 hastag 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.

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

- 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.

- **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.”

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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

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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.

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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.

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Mary Mitchell: Honor Laquan McDonald by making liars out of haters
Sun Times

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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.

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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.

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Here's How The Laquan McDonald Shooting Differs From What Police Said Happened
Huffington Post

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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.

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Hillary Clinton says Laquan McDonald's Family 'Deserves Justice'
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If there is any good to come from the tragedy of Laquan McDonald, I hope it is that we seize these opportunities.

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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 how these developments 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.

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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 hastag 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.

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

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.

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 Pflieger, 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 look 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.

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That face must be hidden. We can't look it in the eyes.

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Sun Times

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Concerned citizens can't afford to mess this up.

Chicago Public Schools offers lesson plan for Laquan McDonald discussion
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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.

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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

From: Huffman, Lauren [Lauren.Huffman@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Wednesday, November 25, 2015 6:38 PM
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CC: Quinn, Kelley
Subject: TN

ST/Lauren Fitz, CT/Juan Perez: Stories

on CPS' Laquan McDonald toolkit that is designed to provide teachers with guidance on how to teach about this incident. These materials were issued yesterday, including a letter to parents. CTU critical of its scope. Stories posted today.

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coverage: CPS announced position restorations following special education cuts based on 10th day enrollment. No layoffs will happen after all as result of these earlier announced cuts--in fact more special education positions are now open/in-demand as a result of the reallocations.

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To: Mitchell, Eileen
Subject: Re: Updates

Thank you

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On Nov 25, 2015, at 7:06 PM, Mitchell, Eileen <Eileen.Mitchell@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

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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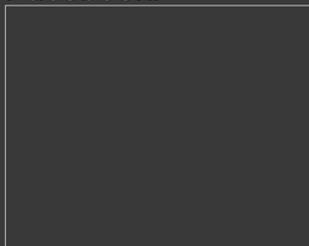
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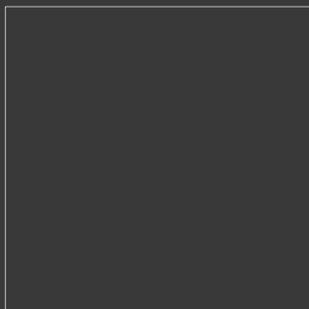
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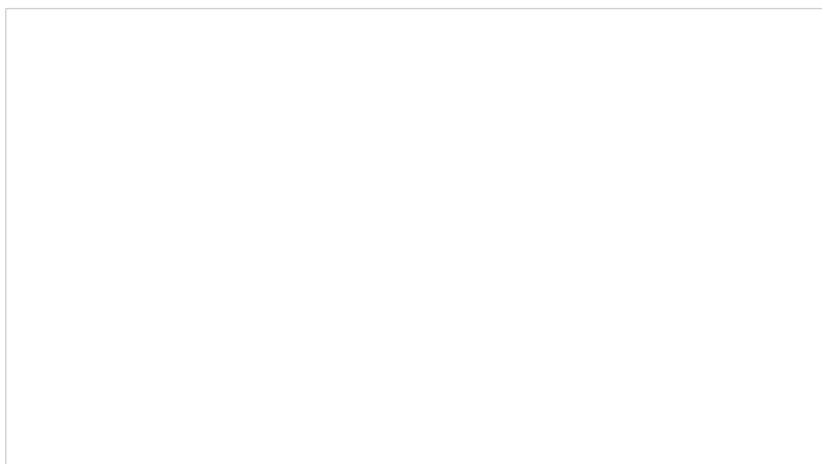
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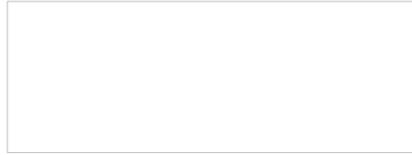


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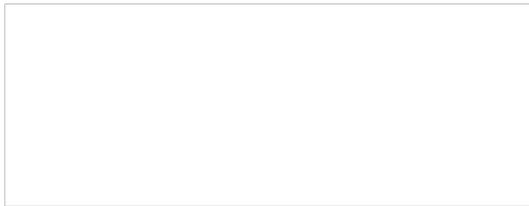


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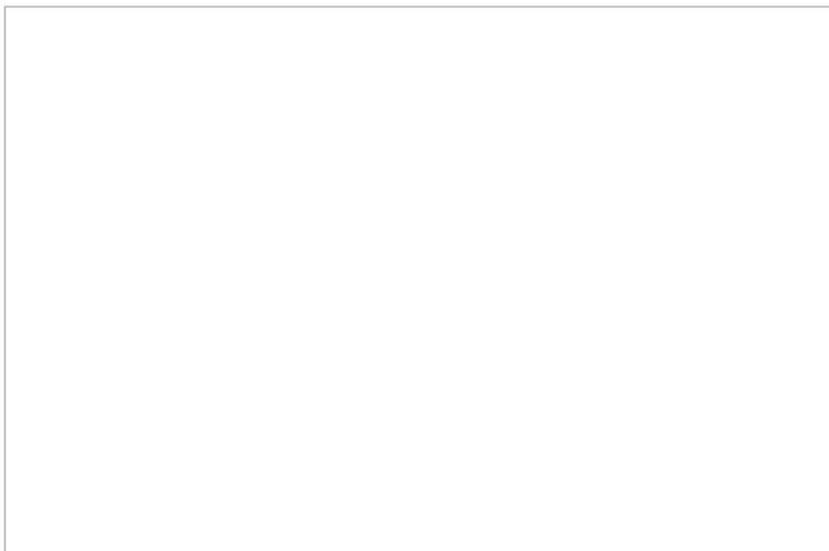
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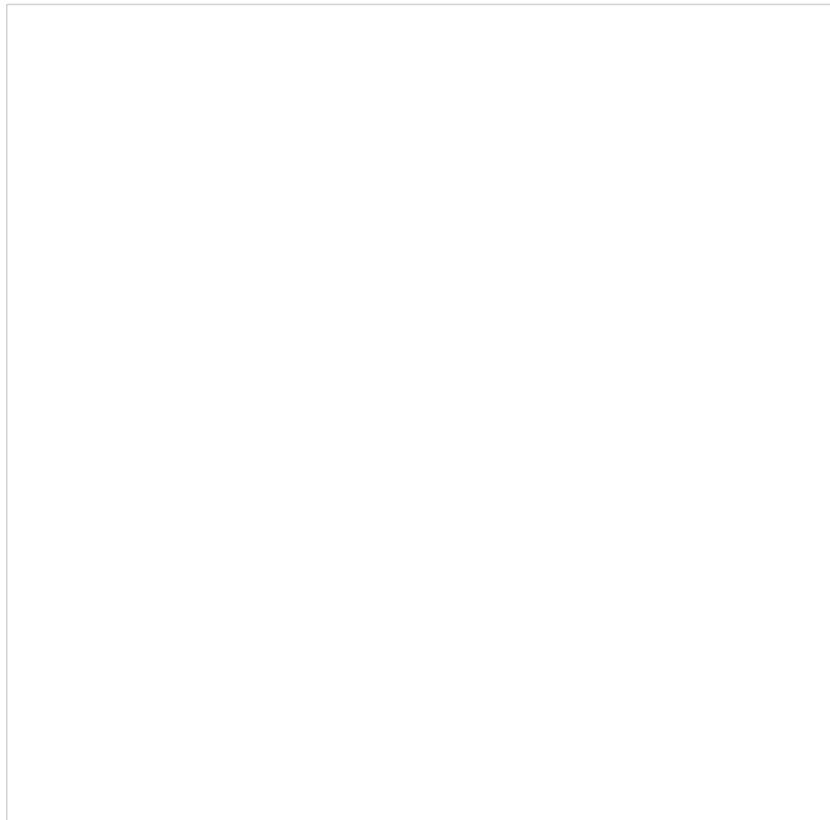
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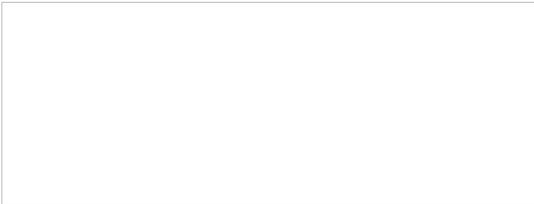
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Monday, November 23, 2015 – AM Update

Print and TV Coverage:

On Monday morning, the TV coverage now highlights the Mayor's upcoming meetings with community members. The major TV stations highlighted the meetings in its spec, as are newspaper reporters.

Media coverage continues to extend beyond the Chicago outlets. On Monday morning, CNN ran a segment about the release of the video.

So far, the coverage highlights the city's efforts to urge peace ahead of the video's release. By Monday afternoon, coverage will likely shift to reflect what was discussed at the community outreach meetings and also note some groups deciding to decline an invitation to meet with City Hall officials.

Noteworthy Coverage:

Chicago leaders urge calm before police shooting video released

CNN

Leaders in Chicago are calling for calm ahead of the expected release of a video which reportedly shows a white police officer shooting a black teenager 16 times.

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"Chicago is on the tipping point," the Rev. Roosevelt Watkins said, according to CNN affiliate WLS. "We could be just like Ferguson."

Watkins was referring to Ferguson, Missouri, which imploded in protests and riots after a white police officer shot to death unarmed black teen Michael Brown in 2014. Unrest in the St. Louis suburb lasted for weeks.

MRE to meet with community leaders regarding the Laquan McDonald video

NBC News at 5:30 AM

ANCHOR: Mayor Emanuel will sit down with community leaders later today in order to discuss the volatile case surrounding Laquan McDonald. That's the 17-year-old who was killed by a Chicago police officer in October of last year. He was shot 16 times. A judge ordered the city to release police dash cam video of the incident to the public by this Wednesday. Community leaders are concerned that video could spark unrest.

PASTOR BROOKS: Our goal, however, is to make sure that there are peaceful protests and to make sure that the community has a list of demands and that we have a voice that's collective and not just a couple of us, but a lot of us speaking for our community.

MRE to meet with community leaders regarding the Laquan McDonald video

CBS2 News at 5:00 AM

ANCHOR: Mayor Rahm Emanuel will meet with community and religious leaders this afternoon to prepare for backlash when a video showing a Chicago police officer shooting 17-year old Laquan McDonald becomes public. It's been very controversial. Mike Puccinelli with more on the videos release and also with what Chicago pastors are worried about.

PUCCINELLI: It happened back in October 2014, but reverberations from the bullets fired on that day will impact Chicago and all across the country. That is because the video of the shooting of Laquan McDonald could be released as early as today. He is the teenager shot 16 times by Chicago police officers on Pulaski road. The incident was caught on dashboard camera. City paid family five million dollars. City lawyers reviewed the video and said the 17- year-old was walking away when he was gunned down. There is potentially inflammatory nature.

MRE to meet with community leaders regarding the Laquan McDonald video **WGN News at 6:00 AM**

ANCHOR: A group of local pastors and community leaders will meet with Mayor Emanuel later today to promote a peaceful response to the release of a video showing a Chicago police officer shooting a black teen.

WANG: They are urging people to remain calm. They say how the mayor response will play a key role and the ball is in his court. Under court orders to release this video by Wednesday. A group of church leaders and community activists met last night at the new beginnings church in Woodlawn. This afternoon they will give the mayor their recommendations in anticipation of a committee of reaction may be. Chicago police received a call about a 17 year-old acting erratically near 41st and Pulaski and Archer heights in 2014. McDonald had pcp in his system.

Laquan McDonald Video Release Has Police Preparing, Activists Urging Peace **DNAInfo**

Rev. Michael Pflieger of St. Sabina's, a prominent anti-violence activist on the South Side, said the city reached out to him to learn about his plans surrounding the video release. They are concerned about potential violence and hope Pflieger will be a voice for peace, he told DNAinfo Chicago.

“Of course I’m gonna be that,” Pflieger said. “I never, ever, ever believe in violence being the response. I’m a follower of Dr. King. I believe in the power of non-violence. Civil disobedience, yes. But non-violence.

“Everybody I’ve talked to [since yesterday has said], ‘We should not have any violence.’ If we respond with violence, then we are no better than the perpetrators we’re angry with. There should be no violence.”

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TWITTER

Prison Culture (Chicago activist): "One group of young black organizers affiliated with several grassroots organizations, including Black Lives Matter: Chicago, declined+

ABC News Chicago: Mayor to meet with community activists Monday ahead of Laquan McDonald video release.

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CNN: Chicago leaders urge calm before police shooting video released.

- RT: 180

Chicago Tribune: The expected release this week of video of police shooting will cast spotlight on Chicago <http://trib.in/1T9IPYd>

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Dana Rebik (WGN): Young black organizers deny mtg with Mayor Emanuel on release of Laquan McDonald shooting video, holding news conference at noon. @WGNNews

FACEBOOK

No major update from yesterday

Michael Pflieger: The officer who killed Laquan McDonald, who is still being paid.... His lawyer said yesterday that the shooting was justified because the officer felt threatened.....How much of a threat was he after getting shot 3 times,,,that gave you permission to shoot 13 more times???? We should be mad and demonstrate, but Peacefully....Civil Disobedience is good...but if we respond in violence then we are no different than the oppressor!!!!

Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr: We cried when over 130 people were killed in France and they did not stop until the killers were captured, yet 400 have been killed in Chicago and 2500 shot. We need equal protection. under the law. We are in a state of emergency and we need a White House conference on urban policy and reconstruction. Black lives seem to matter less. We call on the Attorney General to intervene to ensure that we receive equal and adequate protection.

Monday, November 23, 2015 – PM Update

Print and TV Coverage:

Following this afternoon's developments, coverage has focused on the Sun-Times report that the officer will be indicted, as well as YOUR comments today. Most of the reporting has noted that you called the shooting "hideous." The reporting also notes that you said today that you have not seen the video.

Furthermore, coverage now includes commentary from community leaders that you met with today. Some voices have been helpful and others have been unhelpful, like Rev. Ira Acree who said that protests are "imminent."

Media coverage continues to extend beyond the Chicago outlets. Media organizations such as Ebony Magazine, Vox.com, the Associated Press, Teen Vogue, CNN and others are continuing to cover the events.

Noteworthy Coverage:

Sneed exclusive: Officer who shot Laquan McDonald to be charged Tuesday **Chicago Sun-Times**

Sneed has learned a criminal probe launched by Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez into the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald is expected to result in criminal charges Tuesday against 37-year-old Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke.

Sneed hears rumbles murder charges were on the table.

The shocker: If a murder charge is placed against Officer Van Dyke, it will be the first time in Chicago history an "on duty" police officer was charged with such a crime.

Decision on charges in Laquan McDonald case coming Tuesday: source **WGN TV**

Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez will make an announcement Tuesday about whether or not a white Chicago police officer will be charged in the shooting of a black teenager, a source tells WGN.

Two ministers invited to the meeting Monday afternoon say they think Emanuel is going to ask them to call for calm.

Ira Acree and Marshall Hatch say blacks in the city are upset about the shooting and the city's refusal for several months to release the video.

Pfleger Tells Flock to Block Mag Mile On Friday to Protest Laquan McDonald **DNAInfo**

"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.

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Despite Pfleger's remarks, a representative of St. Sabina said no protest was "officially" being organized when asked Monday by DNAinfo.

Emanuel calls Laquan McDonald shooting 'hideous,' urges peaceful response **Sun-Times**

Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Monday described a white police officer's decision to fire 16 shots into the body of black teenager Laquan McDonald as "hideous" with "no justification," even though the mayor claimed he has not seen the dashboard camera video a judge has ordered the city to release.

Emanuel passed judgment on the actions of Chicago Police Officer Jason Van Dyke as he urged Chicagoans to engage in peaceful protests in response to the video.

"This officer didn't uphold the law. In my view, he took the law into his own hands. He didn't build the trust we want to see. And he wasn't about providing safety and security. So at every point, he violated what we entrust," Emanuel said.

Emanuel Meeting Ministers to Discuss Police Shooting Video **Associated Press**

But Hatch and the Rev. Ira Acree said it is a rare occurrence and shows the mayor is concerned there might be violence.

"We have been trying to meet with the mayor since the beginning of the year to talk about community relations and his staff asks for a letter and says 'We'll get back to you,' but they never do," Acree said.

Hatch said: "This has the feeling of them scrambling."

MRE to meet with community leaders regarding Laquan McDonald video **ABC7 News at 5PM**

ANCHOR: First the call for calm as we await the expected release a video showing a Chicago police officer shooting a teenager 16 times. Mayor Rahm Emanuel has been meeting with ministers and community leaders today. Rob Elgas joins us live from City Hall with the latest on that story. Rob.

ELGAS: Moments ago, people who sat with the mayor shared what they talked about.

GREEN: He let a lot of us have our voices heard. I think we have a lot of work to do. I don't think that one meeting brought a lot of solutions to the table.

ELGAS: Reverend Acree just addressed the media.

ACREE: This is so much bigger than one police officer much there must be a change of culture, and it an opportune moment for the mayor to speak up, and an opportune moment to be shakeup and bring true diversity in the police department so that many of our neighborhoods will not look like occupied forces but have people who look like them, protecting and serving their communities.

Emanuel condemns 'hideous' actions of police officer in shooting video
Chicago Tribune

Emanuel told the participants that his call was to ensure that "everybody has similar information and also that we all, in my view, play a role as stake-holders in our city and in our respective communities throughout our city."

He asked them to help ensure that any protests remain peaceful when the video is released. But Emanuel did not take questions, and there was no attempt to engage in a dialogue during the six-minute call.

"Any descriptions I've read of this incident, to any person, regardless if you're the mayor or just an individual, it would shock you, because it's basically not only a person taking the law into their own hands, but they don't have a measure and are not using the judgment that is expected," Emanuel said on the call, which the Tribune gained access to through one of the participants.

Rahm Meets With Leaders Ahead of 'Disturbing' Laquan McDonald Video Release
DNAInfo

The mayor scheduled meetings Monday with community and religious leaders and African-American aldermen ahead of the release of the controversial and potentially explosive police dashcam video showing the October 2014 shooting death of Laquan McDonald.

Chicago Mayor Calls for Meeting With Activists Ahead of LaQuan McDonald Video Release
Ebony Magazine

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is calling for a meeting with community leaders, ministers and activists before the city releases dash cam video of a Chicago police officer fatally shooting a Black teenager 16 times at close range.

17-year-old LaQuan McDonald was killed last year.

The city has settled with his family, but a freelance journalist sued to have the footage released.

Police shot a Chicago teen 16 times. Now they've been ordered to release the footage.
Vox.com

Still, police brutality among black men in particular has remained consistent. According to Chicago's Independent Police Review Authority, local police shot 50 people last year, of which 39 were black, seven were Hispanic, four were white, and one was of an unknown race.

After an information inquiry and civil case resulted in the release of data related to police brutality in Chicago last year, an alarming pattern surfaced. While a majority of the 12,000 CPD officers have been flagged for fewer than two overall misconduct complaints, 662 police officers were repeat offenders, individually cited for 10 or more complaints each. According to an investigation of this data and other information by the organization Truthout, a nonprofit progressive news organization, last year showed 500 local officers with more than 10 misconduct complaints between 2001 and 2006 were still serving on the force as of the report's publication.

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Teen Vogue: Why Was a 17-Year-Old Boy Shot 16 Times By the Police?

- RT: 8

Chicago Sun-Times: Emanuel calls Laquan McDonald shooting 'hideous,' urges peaceful response to video <http://bit.ly/1jgToun>

- RT: 8

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

Jay Levine: @RahmEmanuel in teleconference calls Mcdonald shooting "hideous...no justification." Asks Prosecutors to "wrap investigation."

- RT: 6

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

Yolanda Permodo: Ja'Mal Green, a comm. activist meeting w/MRE. Green: #LaquanMcDonald video is a modern day Emmitt Till. @WBEZ

- RT: 4

Shaun King (NYDN reporter): What's troubling is that it fully appears they are only charging this officer because they know the video is so horrific. #LaquanMcDonald

- RT: 174

Chicago Urban League: Watch @cbschicago @ 10pm to hear Interim Pres & CEO Shari Runner talk abt the #LaquanMcDonald videotape release.

Jamil Smith (The New Republic reporter): Laquan McDonald has been dead for more than a year, and it took the anticipated release of a video to get the investigation moving. Telling.

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CNN: Leaders in Chicago are calling for calm; the video reportedly shows a police officer shooting 17-year-old Laquan McDonald 16 times.

Tuesday, November 24, 2015 – AM Update

Print and TV Coverage:

The coverage this morning interweaves the different storylines that are developing as it relates to the video. Most of the coverage mentions the following storylines: the Mayor's meetings yesterday with community leaders; updates in the case of Rekia Boyd; Officer Jason Van Dyke turning himself in on Tuesday morning; press conference that African American community leaders held Tuesday morning. The coverage includes mentions of the City's efforts to meet with community members ahead of the video's release in an effort to urge calm.

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Noteworthy Coverage:

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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, there is some momentum thus far regarding the release of the video. A leading hashtag is #LaquanMcDonald but it is not trending. Articles about the video continue to drive most of the social media interest.

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Currently, commentary has consisted of: disgust for the shooting; blame for why it took so long for justice to occur; news that the 1st Chicago cop to be charged with murder while on duty.

TWITTER

Outlets:

The Daily Beast: He becomes the 1st Chicago cop charged with 1st-degree murder on duty—after he pumped 16 shots into Laquan McDonald <http://thebea.st/1R2BaKW>

- RT: 25

Think Progress: Chicago officer who shot black teen 16 times to be charged with first degree murder <http://thkpr.gs/3725304>

- RT: 123

ABC National News: JUST IN: Chicago cop charged with murder in fatal shooting of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald: <http://abcn.ws/1OqeUrL>

- RT: 65

Slate Magazine: Report: Chicago cop who shot Laquan McDonald 16 times will be charged with murder. <http://slate.me/1MAdvhS>

- RT: 54

Complex Magazine: Chicago cop charged with first-degree murder after shooting Laquan McDonald 16 times: <http://trib.al/vei3zSu>

- RT: 341

CNN: Just In: Chicago police officer charged with first-degree murder in death of Laquan McDonald <http://cnn.it/1IdRPUG>

- RT: 552

New York Daily News: Chicago cop who shot teenager Laquan McDonald 16 times will be charged for 1st-degree murder <http://nydn.us/1XnY3Ix>

- RT: 792

CBS Chicago: [.@GovRauner](#) calls police video "troubling." #LaquanMcDonald #JasonVanDyke #Chicago

- RT: 4

Democracy Now!: "Unfortunately, the community being told to remain peaceful is not the Chicago PD" - [@charlenecac](#) on #LaquanMcDonald

- RT: 126

Individuals:

Shaun King (NYDN columnist): EVERYONE who saw #LaquanMcDonald be shot & who saw the video, said this was 1st degree murder A YEAR AGO. [@RahmEmanuel](#) messed up...

- RT: 71

Wesley Lowery (WaPo reporter who played big role in covering Ferguson): For 1st time in history, a Chicago police officer has been charged w/ murder for an on-duty shooting

- RT: 143

Richard Boykin: United with other elected officials & clergy calling for peaceful protest ahead of Laquan McDonald video release.

Rahiel Tesfamariam (Chicago Activist): Block Magnificent Mile on #BlackFriday for Laquan McDonald, Father Pfleger Tells Flock <http://dnain.fo/1I70ops>

Reverend Corey Brooks: I am asking people who believe in prayer to pray for our city 48hrs of prayer Tues 6pm - Thurs 6pm Pray where you are, with us, for us #pray

- RT: 5

Kurt Summers: My prayers are with the family and loved ones of Laquan McDonald. This loss of life is an outrage. Full statement: <http://tinyurl.com/nbssezv>

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Tio Hardiman: Calling on all of my friends and supporters to join me tomorrow for a Special Tribute to Laquan McDonald at 10:30am on the corner of 40th and Pulaski. Burger King Parking lot area. This is the location where Laquan was gunned down. Spread the word. We come together in peace and harmony.

Black Youth Project 100: Black Folks are welcomed and encouraged to join each other in community en leiu of the traumatic video being released of our beloved brother, Laquan McDonald. Today at 2:30 PM.

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

The release of the video is the leading news item across the country on Tuesday 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 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 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 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.

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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.

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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.

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:

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

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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.

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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 skil 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>

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 hastag 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.

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

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.

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 Pflieger, 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 look 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>

Colors of Change (Advocacy Group): @SAA Anita Alvarez tried to cover up #LaquanMcDonald police killing. Demand Alvarez resign <http://act.colorofchange.org/sign/anita-alvarez-step-aside/>

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 <http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/megyn-kelly-appropriate-chicago-protest> ... via TPM

USA Today: "16 shots." Hundreds protest after video shows Chicago cop shooting teen: <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

From: Spector, Stephen [Stephen.Spector@cityofchicago.org]
Sent: Friday, November 27, 2015 7:10 PM
To: Spector, Stephen
Subject: Weekend News

MPO/CPD:

Everyone: Continued coverage of the protests and Laquan McDonald video.

DCASE:

Everyone: Caroling at Cloud Gate/the bean in Millennium Park. Stories to air on TV this evening and throughout the weekend.

Possible: Continued coverage of the repairs made to the Christmas tree in Millennium Park after protestors ripped the lights off. The repairs were made by IBEW pro bono.

Targeted Media:

HOY/Soto, Univision/Beltran, Telemundo/EFE: Covering the protests on Michigan Ave. Stories will include photos and videos.

CTA:

Multiple outlets: Possible stories/mentions today or this weekend of the start of the popular annual CTA holiday train service this weekend, beginning on the Green Line today.

CDOT:

Tribune/Kidwell (TBD run date): Following up on last week's stories, David Kidwell is working on a story with a TBD run date. Our understanding based on our conversation with him is that the story will be a collection of the following storylines: city vehicles caught speeding from the ASE program; school buses caught speeding from the ASE program; a driver who has accumulated more than 100 traffic violations over the past few years. IL SOS has suspended her license. Kidwell also asked if MRE has paid for his detail's traffic violations. We responded that he has.

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Subject: Fwd: (NEWS) TRIBUNE: Chicago needs an independent investigation of Laquan McDonald case

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>> Sun-Times cover:

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>> -- Targeting Tyshawn (lede story): Two-page spread on inside detailing final moments of Tyshawn's life.

>> -- Feds drag their feet while city bleeds (Marin)

>> -- A black mark against CPS (BGA report): Two-page spread about the record-low number of African-American teachers now employed by the district. Karen Lewis says black teachers are the first ones fired and the last ones hired.

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>> Inside:

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>> -- Fork in the Road: A Q&A with the president of Pitchfork.

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>> Tribune cover:

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>> -- Burger King manager told grand jury of gap in video

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Here you go. Sorry it took so long!

A sad week, but one that can advance us

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Mary Schmich

Recent Columns

8:51 pm, November 27, 2015

What a sad, strange Thanksgiving week in Chicago, and yet not without hope.

It was the week when important people in fancy clothes gathered in the grand old Chicago Theatre to celebrate the premiere of Spike Lee's "Chi-Raq," a movie about the city's poverty and violence.

It was the week a man was charged in the shooting death of a 9-year-old boy named Tyshawn Lee.

It was, above all, the week of Laquan McDonald.

If you didn't watch the dash-cam video of McDonald's death — released last week, 13 months after he was killed — you heard about it. If you did watch it and if you have any sense and heart, it made you sick.

On the video, in the dystopian nighttime light of South Pulaski Road, a young man — McDonald, 17 years old — is chased by a police SUV. He's in the middle of the street when an officer in uniform shoots him. He pivots, he falls, he twitches on the pavement.

McDonald had a knife in his hand, and, reportedly, PCP in his system, but he was not, as police claimed right after the shooting, lunging toward the officers. When the officer started firing, McDonald was walking in the other direction.

It was the week that Officer Jason Van Dyke became the first on-duty Chicago police officer in almost 35 years to be charged with first-degree murder.

It was a week to be appalled, sad and mystified.

What was going through Van Dyke's mind when he opened fire? Fear alone doesn't explain 16 bullets.

Almost as dismaying was the sight, seen from a different video, of other officers arriving at the scene and walking past McDonald's body as if it were no more consequential than an animal's.

In this strange, sad week, a lot of space and time were devoted to political

recriminations. Down with the mayor, Rahm Emanuel; the police superintendent, Garry McCarthy; and the prosecutor, Anita Alvarez, who waited more than a year to charge Van Dyke.

The political theater overshadowed grief for McDonald, who was trying to get his life on track after a childhood of abuse and abandonment spent in and out of foster care.

Invisible on the video and yet entirely present are all the powerful forces that contributed to McDonald's running from the cops that October night: entrenched poverty, intractable racism, broken families, the drug economy, all the violence and dysfunction that grow from poisoned soil.

The killing of 9-year-old Tyshawn Lee in a South Side alley has the same twisted roots.

Yet in spite of all that, it was a week to be hopeful.

It was a week of protests. And protests, even though they're motivated by rage and outrage, are an act of hope. They carry the message: This can be better. This can change. It has to.

Many people had feared that the protests would turn fiery and bloody. Some — the types who reaffirm their world view by reveling in Chicago's trouble — seemed almost to wish the protests would go deeply bad.

And there were some scuffles, some arrests. When the city Christmas tree went up in Millennium Park, some protesters tore at the decorations. Along North Michigan Avenue on Friday, protesters impeded shopping and traffic.

So?

Protest isn't tidy. Neither is change. This economically and racially segregated city is healthier when people who live on the margins can come to the rich heart of town and speak out.

Several times in the past week, I've wondered how all this might look to historians. We're living in the midst of a social movement we can't clearly see yet. The past week was just part of it.

History may remember it as the Black Lives Matter movement, or that name may be swept into something different. History, before it's history, is hard to define.

Whatever historians call it, if the past week and the death of Laquan McDonald do nothing else, these events will force more people in power to take seriously the need for police — so many of whom do their jobs valiantly — to be held publicly accountable for what they do.

Terrible things are often the very things that push the world forward into consciousness and action.

By coincidence, last week marked the 28th anniversary of the surprise death of Mayor Harold Washington, the city's first African-American mayor, whose name lives on as a reminder of the hopes for a more equitable Chicago.

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Subject: Re: Today's Press Guidance

Thank you.

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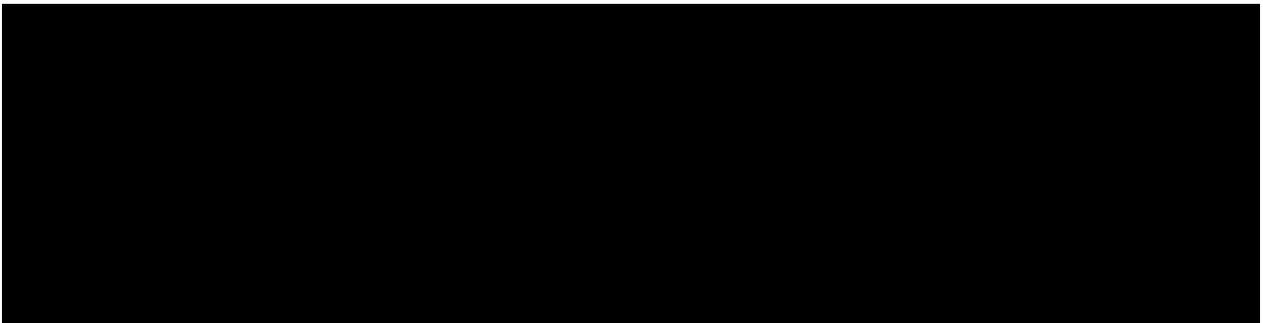
Good work. Thanks.

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On Nov 29, 2015, at 7:56 AM, Klinzman, Grant <Grant.Klinzman@cityofchicago.org> wrote:

I am adding this bullet and planning to send shortly. Thank you.

Are you expanding the CPD body camera because of Laquan McDonald?



From: Klinzman, Grant
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To: Update_List
Subject: Today's Press Guidance

All - below and attached is the daily press guidance for today. It has not changed substantially since yesterday's version. Please send any feedback by 7:30. Thank you.

1) Public Events

- Remarks at Bright Star Church - CLOSED press
- Remarks at Metropolitan Apostolic Community Church - CLOSED press
- Ribbon cutting at Washington Park - CLOSED press, photo release

2) In The News Today

- Laquan McDonald
- Demonstrations in response to Laquan McDonald
- Arrest Made in Tyshawn Lee case

3) Most Recent Press Questions to MRE

1. None since press conference on Wednesday.

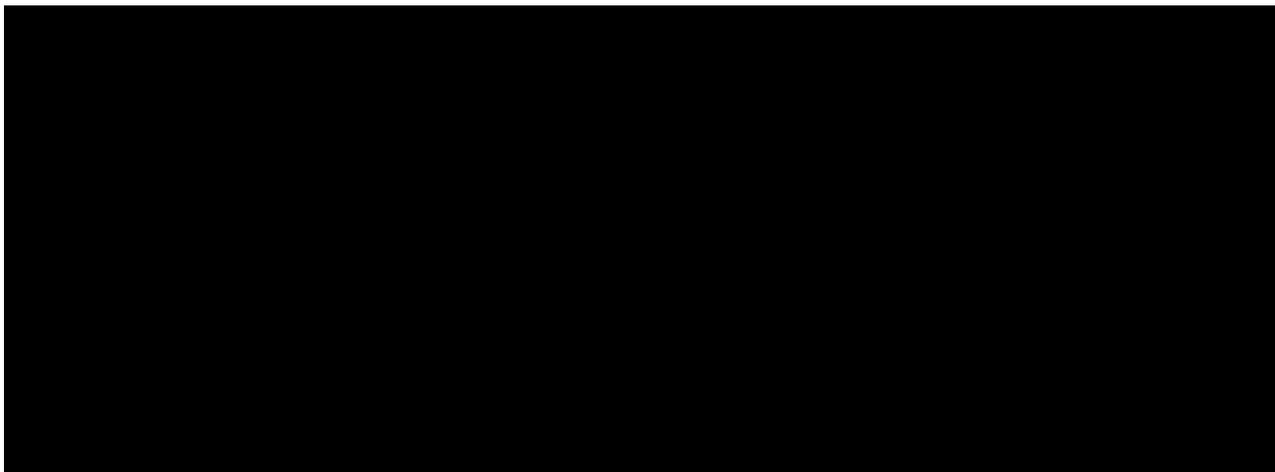
4) Sports Brief

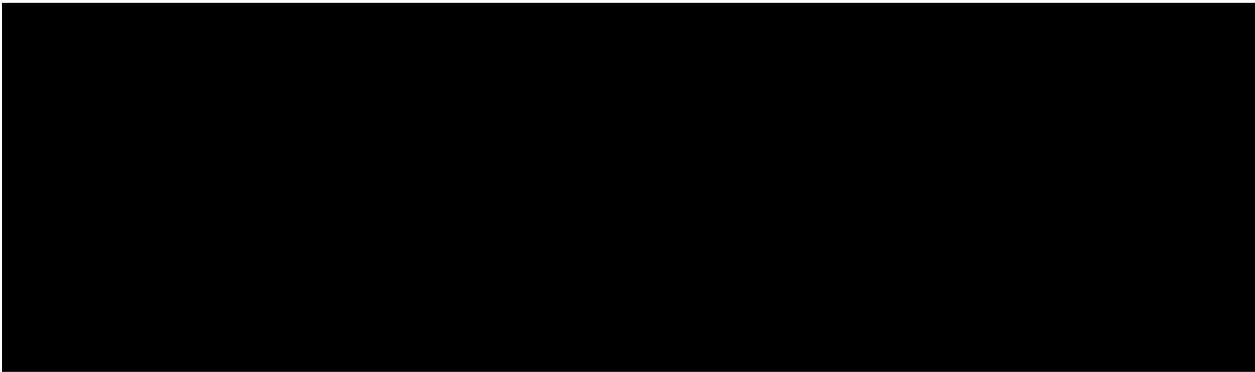
- **Blackhawks - loss:** Lost to the L.A. Kings late last night.
 - Patrick Kane scored in his 19th consecutive game to set a new NHL record for the longest points streak by a U.S.-born player.
 - The Blackhawks led for most of the game until the Kings scored with about 6 minutes left in the 3rd period and again in overtime for the win.
 - They play the Minnesota Wild on Tuesday at 7:30 in Chicago.
- **Bears - win:** Beat the Green Bay Packers in Green Bay 17-13 on Thanksgiving Day.
 - The key play was a fourth quarter stop by the Bears defense on the final drive of the game.
 - They now have five victories in their last eight games and are heading into December with a chance at the playoffs.
 - The Bears are 5-6, and 3rd in the NFC North.
- **Bulls - loss:** Lost to the Pacers 92 - 104 on Friday.
 - The Bulls are 9-5, and 4th in the Eastern Conference.
 - They play the Spurs on Monday in Chicago.
- **Phillips Academy - win:** Beat Altoff Catholic High School 51-7 in the state championship football game on Friday.
 - No Chicago Public Schools football team has won a state title previously.
 - Coach Troy McAllister and his Wildcats team had a perfect season and secured a spot in Illinois' sports history.

5) Talking Points

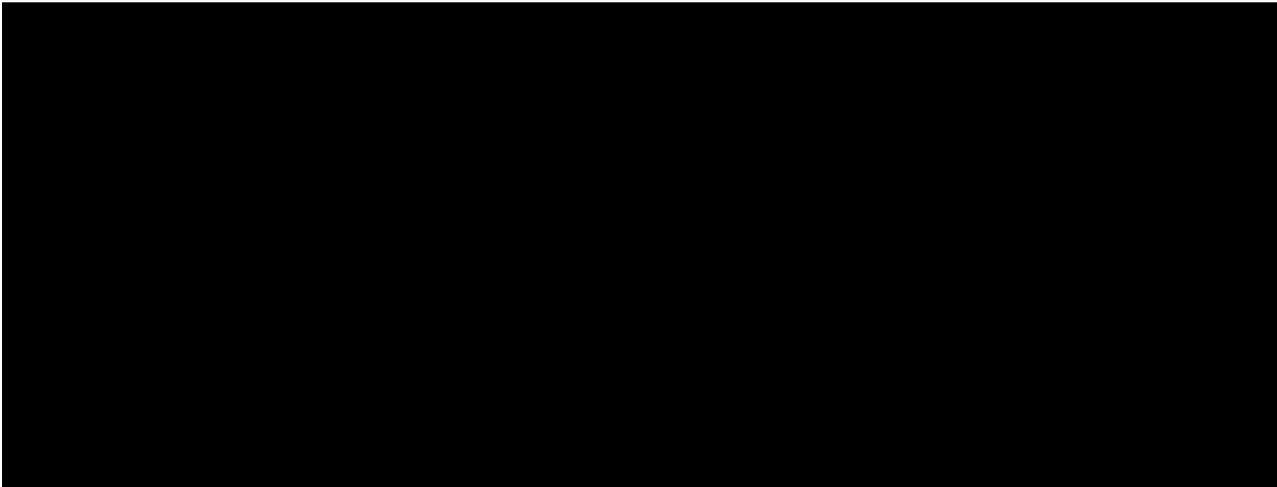
LAQUAN MCDONALD

Many people are saying that the \$5 million settlement with Laquan McDonald's family was hush money, designed to keep the case quiet and keep the video out of the public eye until after your election. Can you respond?

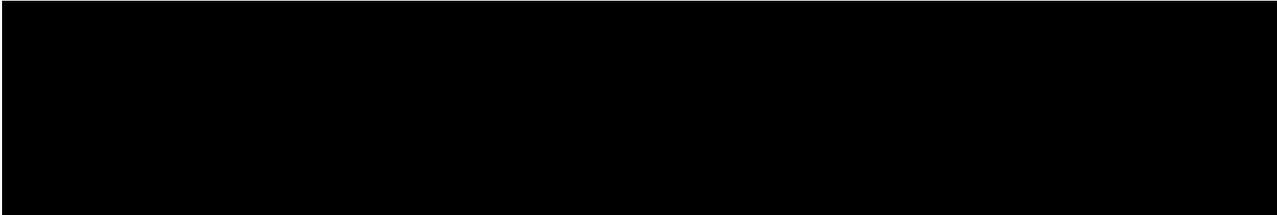




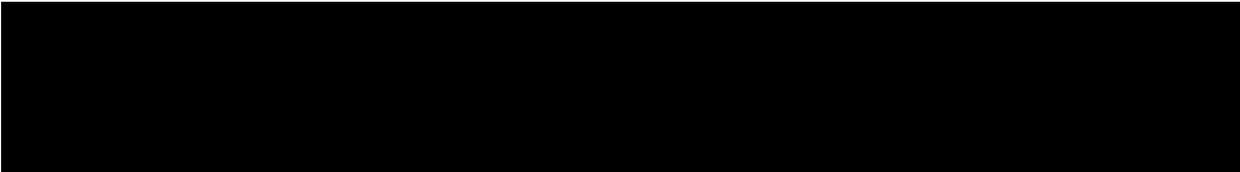
There have been many calls for you to fire Garry McCarthy - from Aldermen to state legislators to clergy and community leaders. You've faced pressure on this before, but nothing this strong. Is his job really safe?



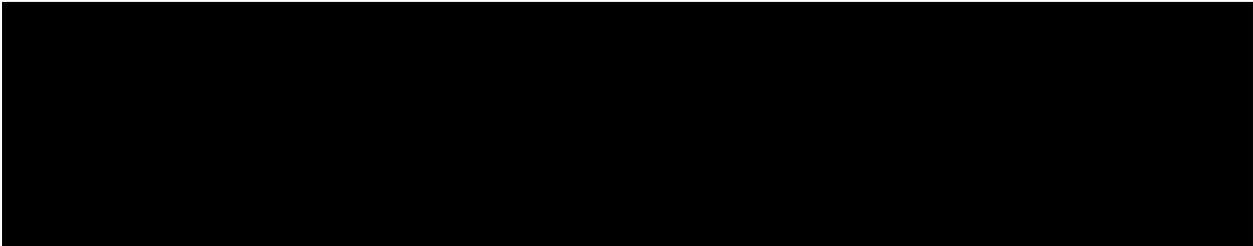
Can you address the sentiment that the city and the police department dragged their feet on the investigation?



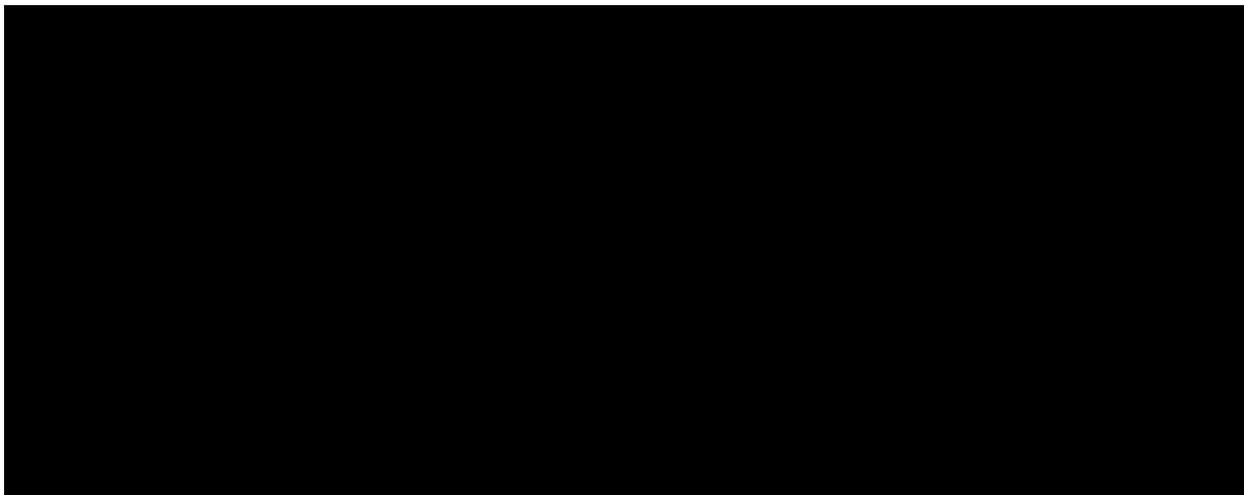
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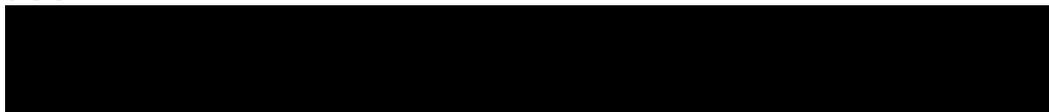
Can you comment on the rumblings of a police cover up in this case? There is missing video from the nearby Burger King that would be evidence.



What about the culture of the police department? You have officers, like Jason Van Dyke, with many complaints filed against them that often go unpunished. What are you telling the officers, and the city's residents, when the system doesn't seem to hold anyone accountable?



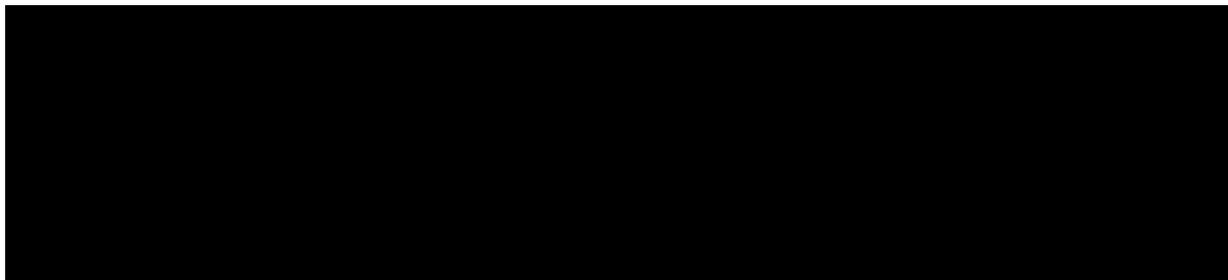
Can you talk about the political pressure Alvarez must be feeling right now, with an upcoming primary against two African American women who are already criticizing her handling of this case?



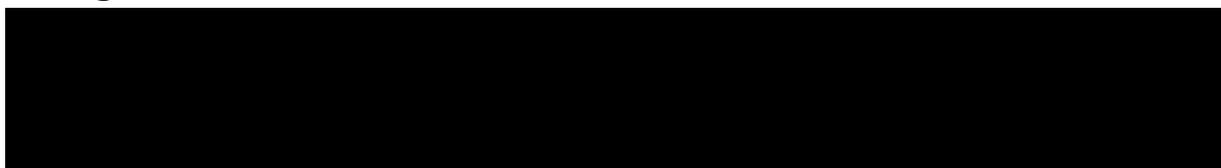
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What plans are in place for demonstrations and protests following the release of this video? What have you learned from other instances of unrest following police shootings around the country?



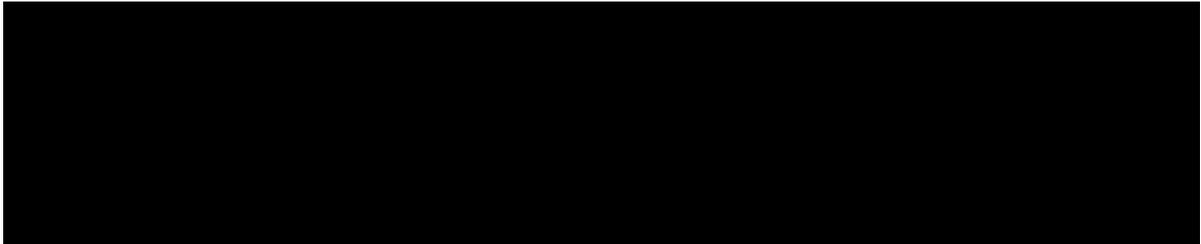
With protests going on this week, can you talk about concerns that have been raised recently about CPD's investigations into protesters' legal gatherings following the events in Ferguson? Are you aware of whether or not they have launched such an investigation this week?



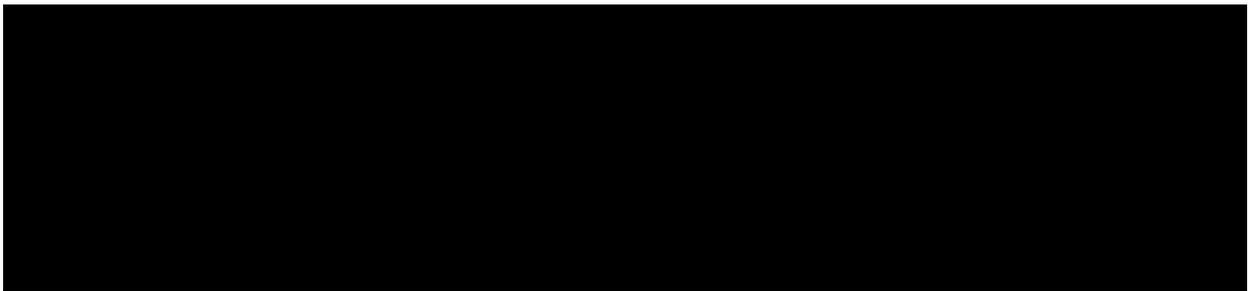
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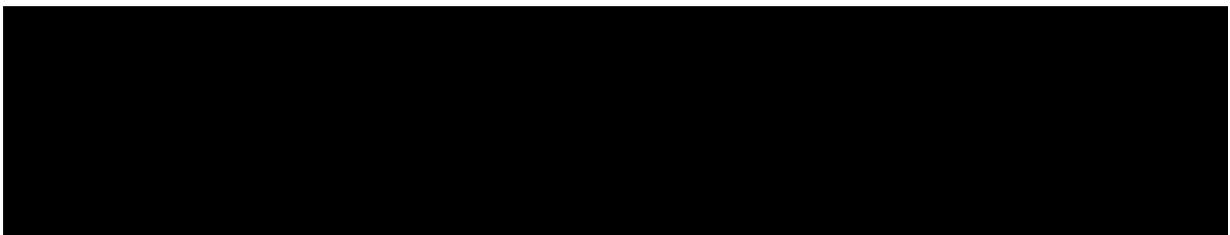
What did you hear from community leaders earlier this week? We heard from some who declined to meet with you, some who are frustrated with the Superintendent and some who said we may see riots like Ferguson and Baltimore.



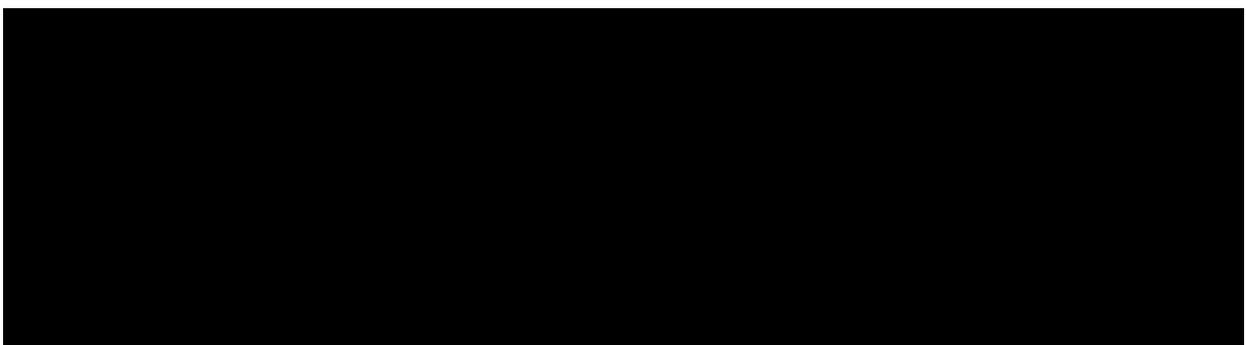
Why the about face on releasing the video? Just a week earlier you made it clear that you would only release the video at the appropriate time.



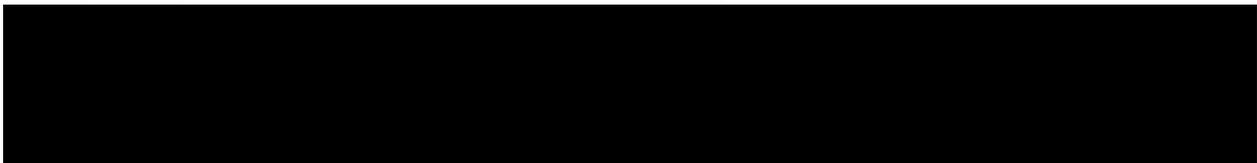
The delay of releasing the video has bred mistrust. Just this weekend Rev. Jackson said the city has been trying to suppress evidence to cover up this police shooting. How much worse has that delay made this situation?



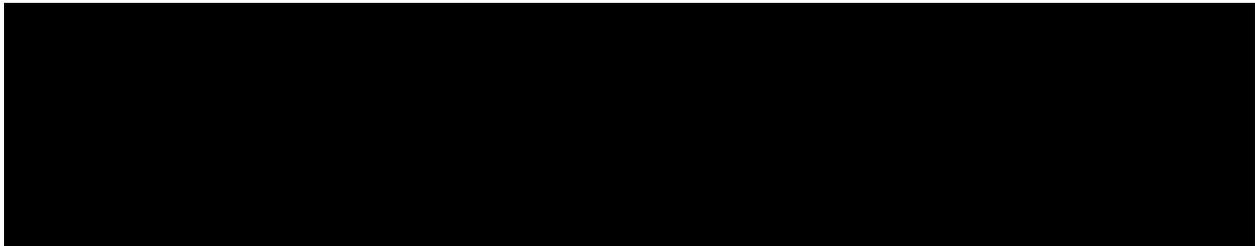
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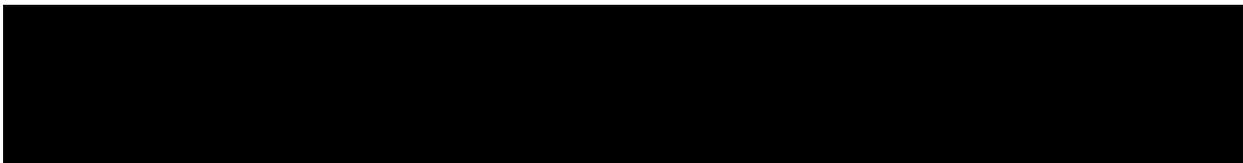
Have you spoken to the McDonald family?



Why hasn't the officer been fired? How do you explain to so many who see this as a lack of justice?

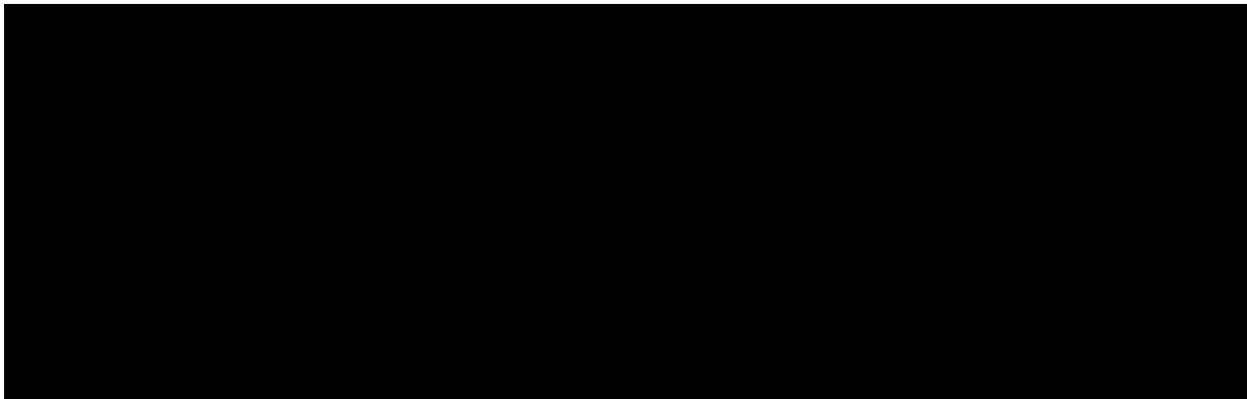


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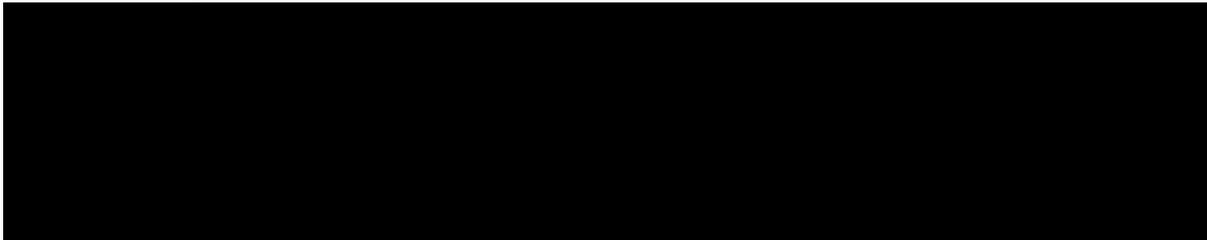
PROTESTS ON MICHIGAN AVENUE

Can you comment on the demonstrations that have been going on throughout the city since last Wednesday?



ARRESTS MADE IN TYSHAWN LEE MURDER CASE

What can you tell us about the arrests reportedly made in the murder of Tyshawn Lee?



When do you expect to make more arrests in the case? Garry McCarthy said there are a number of others.





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To: Eugene Williams
Subject: Fw: Prayer Vigil at CPD HQ; Monday, 11/30; 6:00-7:00PM (Revised)

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Date: Monday, Nov. 30, 2015
Media Contact: Rev. David Swanson, New Community Covenant Church, 312-259-6005,
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MEDIA ADVISORY: AREA CHURCHES, FAITH LEADERS TO HOLD PRAYER VIGIL AT CPD HEADQUARTERS, CALL FOR FEDERAL PROBE IN LAQUAN MCDONALD CASE

Faith leaders and members from more than two dozen area churches will lead a prayer vigil at the Chicago Police Department headquarters in memory of Laquan McDonald and to call for a federal investigation into the case.

WHEN: 6-7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 30, 2015
WHERE: Chicago Police Department Headquarters (3510 S. Michigan Avenue; Chicago, IL 60653)
WHAT: A prayer vigil for justice in Chicago, calling for:

1. A federal investigation into the Laquan McDonald case;
2. The Chicago Police Department to work proactively with community and faith leaders to ensure that justice will be administered fairly in Chicago;
3. Churches and faith leaders to increase their advocacy for justice for the city's youth

WHO: Chicago pastors and churches from around the city, including Rev. Charlie Dates (Progressive Baptist Church); Rev. Marshall Hatch (Leaders Network); Rev. Chris Harris (Bright Star Church); Rev. Daniel Hill (River City Community Church); Rev. Dr. L. Bernard Jakes (West Point Missionary Baptist Church); Rev. David Swanson (New Community Covenant Church - Bronzeville); Rev. Mark Tao (Immanuel Covenant Church); Rev. Michael Neal (Glorious Light Church); Rev. Byron Whitehead (Mt Carmel Missionary Baptist Church); Rev. Quentin Mumphery (New Hope Covenant Church); Rev. Patrick Shaffer (City of Faith Christian Church); Rev. David Watkins III (Greater Bethesda Missionary Baptist Church) and many more.

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--

David Swanson

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From: The Black Star Project, USA [blackstar1000@ameritech.net]

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 7:54 AM

To: Henry, Vance

Subject: Chicago Shows the Nation and the World How to Protest; Peaceful Minneapolis Protesters Attacked by Police and White Supremacist

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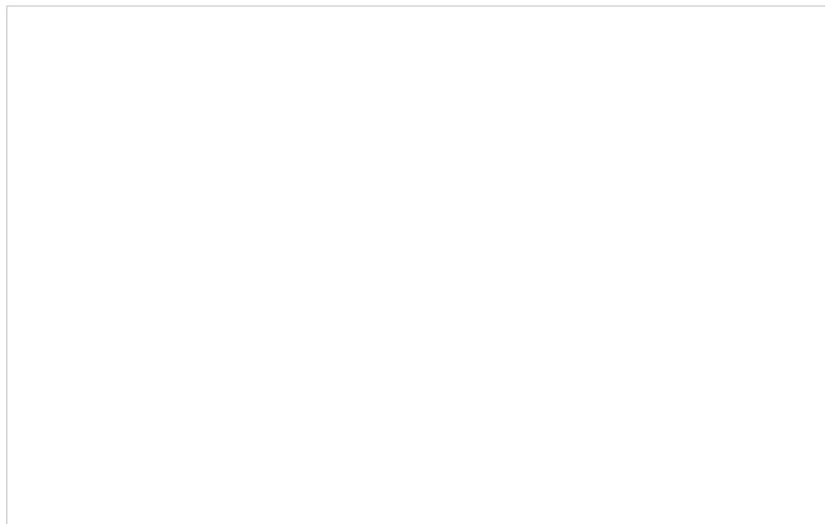
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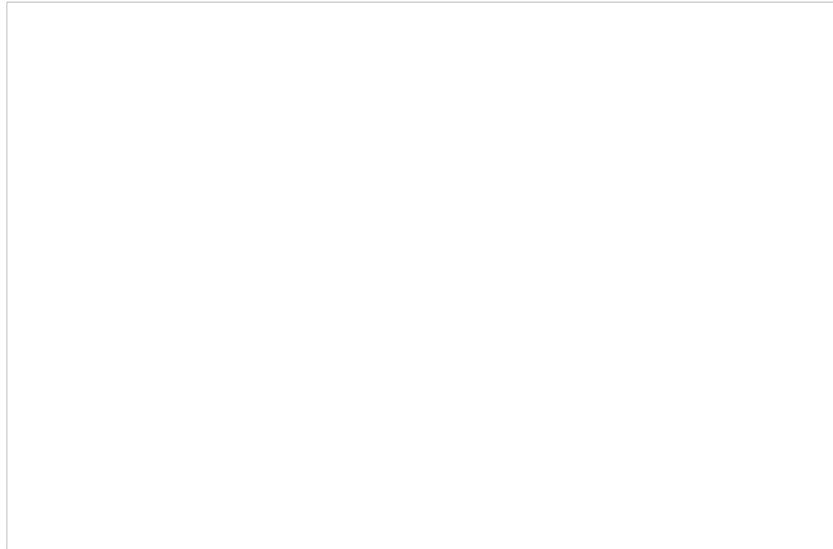
Chicago Shows the Nation and the World How to Protest Peacefully. Will America Listen?

[It is time for President Obama to send in the Justice Department to deliver justice for Laquan McDonald \(shot 16 times by one Chicago policemen who was stopped from reloading his gun\).](#)

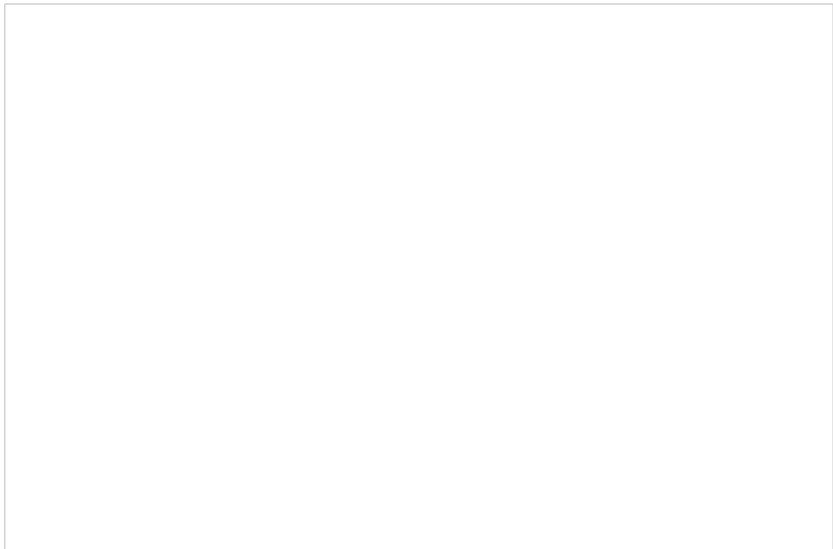


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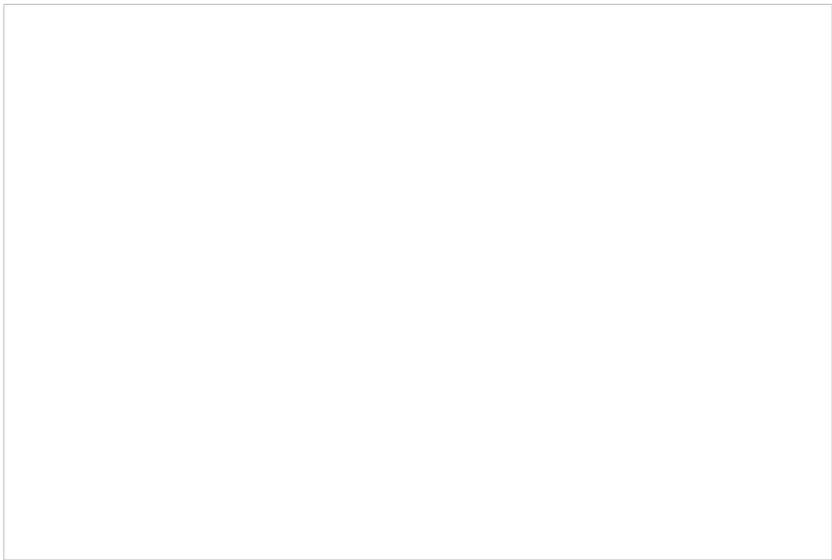
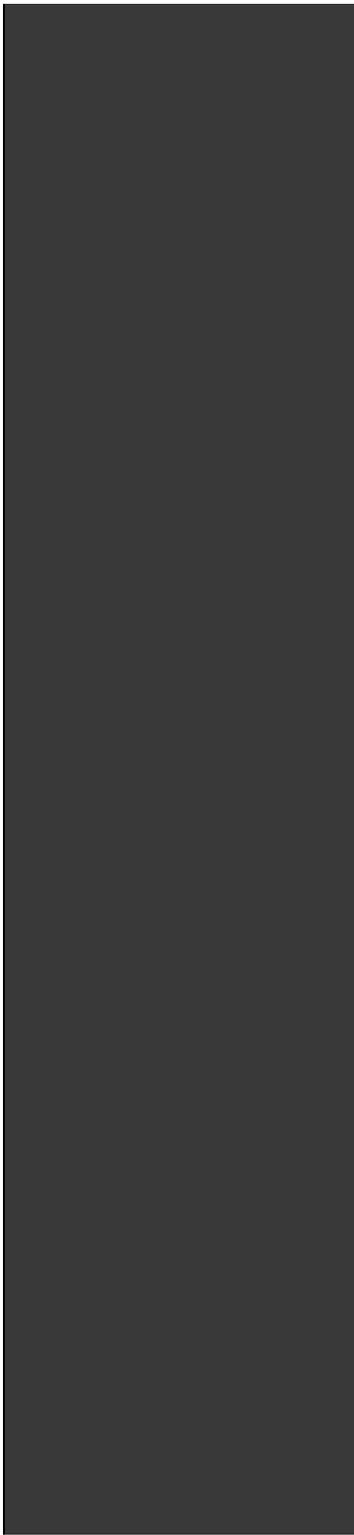
send them afterwards!



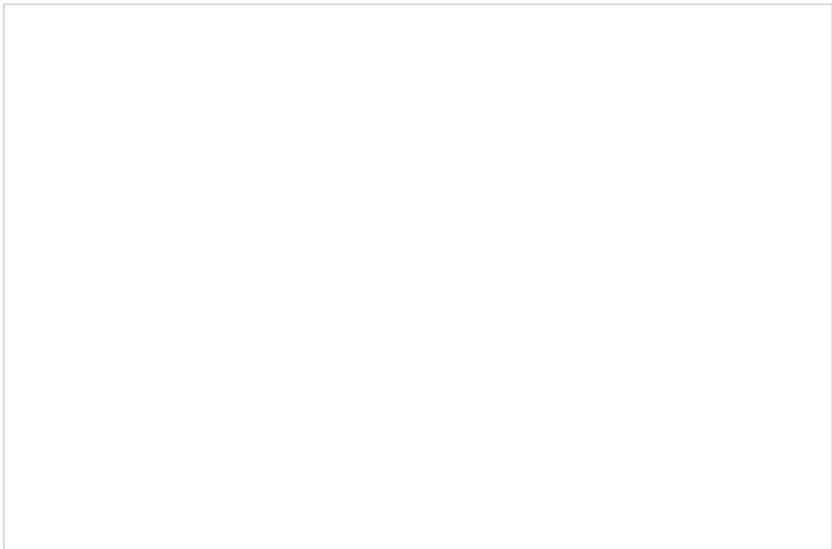
When protesters and police started to clash at the world's famous Water Tower Place Shopping District, the Fruit of Islam (FOI) from the Nation of Islam stepped in between them. Protesters respected the FOI. And so did the police!



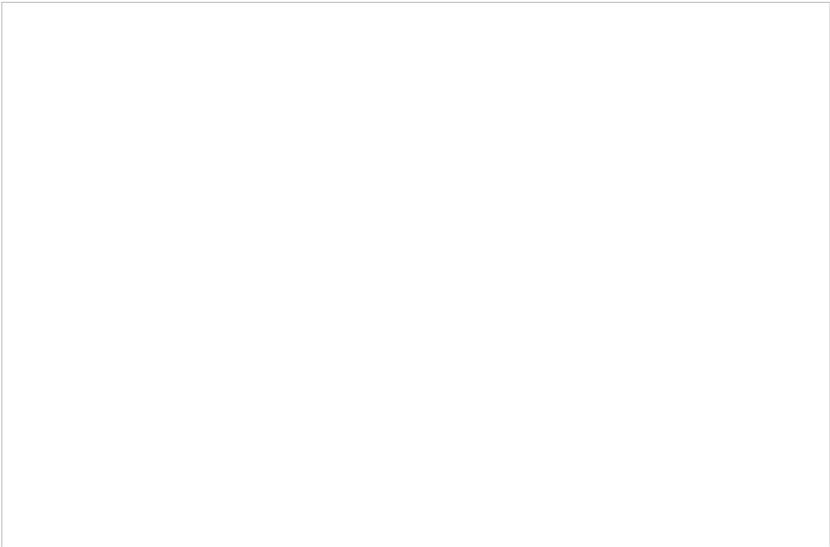
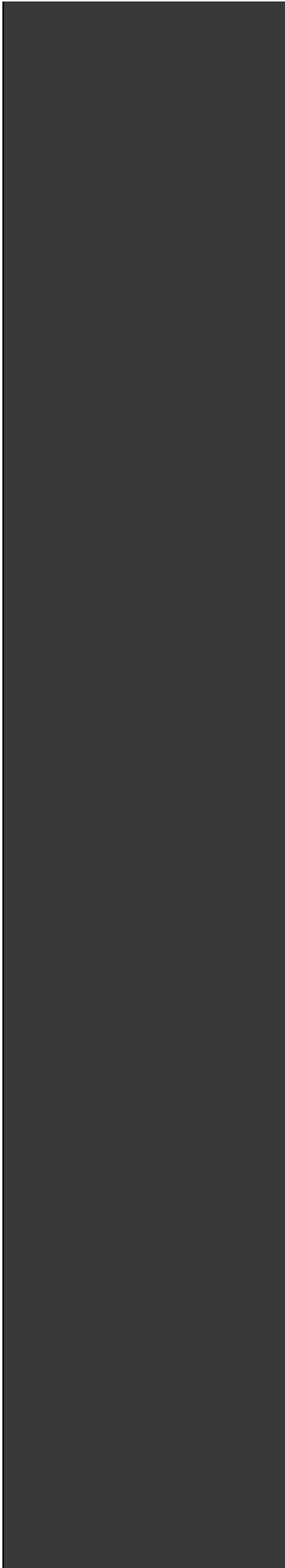
Thousands of people of all races descended upon Michigan Ave.



Protesters and police faced-off in Chicago.



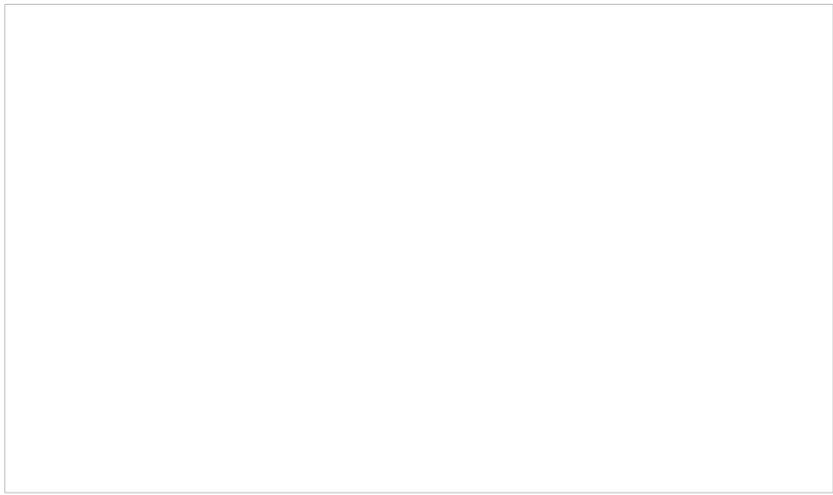
Shops that were shut down included The Water Tower Place, Macy's, Tiffany & Co., Crate and Barrel, Victoria Secret, Neiman Marcus, Disney Store, Nike Store, Apple Store, Columbia Sport's Wear, Levi's, Burberry's, AT&T, Banana Republic, Cole Haan, Michael Jordan's Restaurant, Tommy Bahama Store, Topshop and maybe 25 other high-end stores.



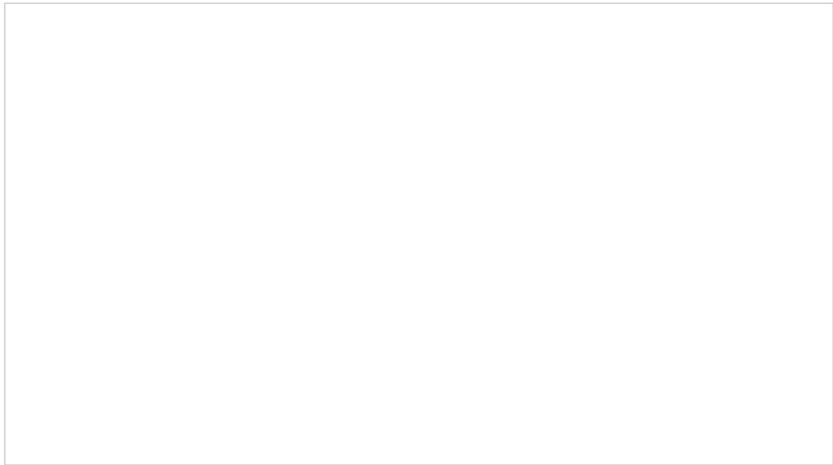
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John Chikow, President and CEO, the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association, knows that maybe tens of millions of dollars were lost to North Michigan Avenue shopping on Black Friday 2015. How many more days will it take before North Michigan Avenue merchants join with protesters in a call for justice for Laquan McDonald?



People of all races participated in this protest. Black, Latino, White, Native American and Asian, young and old, rich and poor. All these people just wanted justice for Laquan McDonald.



For a few hours, the Red, the Black And the Green flew proudly as the dominant flag on North Michigan Avenue.

[Click Here](#) to ask President Barack Obama to send in the United States Justice Department to ensure justice for Laquan McDonald.

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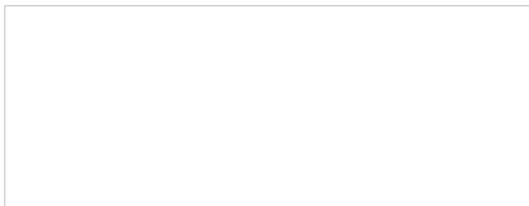
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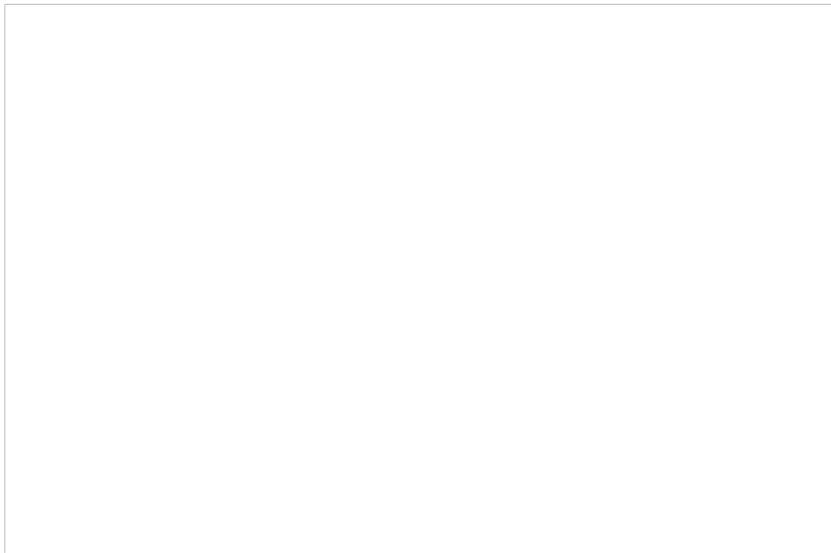
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(Justice Has Left Chicago!)



Laquan McDonald Video
Shows Police Shooting Him
16 Times [**\(GRAPHIC VIDEO\)**](#)



Mr. Laquan MacDonald (left) Officer Jason Van Dyke (right)

By Mark Konkol, Kelly Bauer and Tanveer Ali

November 24, 2015

CHICAGO - The much-anticipated police dashboard cam video of a Chicago Police officer shooting and killing a 17-year-old was released Tuesday evening, offering a graphic and chilling view of what prosecutors say was [first-degree murder](#).

The video of the slaying of Laquan McDonald was held by Chicago police for more than a year and finally released Tuesday after a judge ordered it. The release of the video touched off protests outside Chicago's Loop, but they remained peaceful as of 7 p.m.

A somber Mayor Rahm Emanuel and Police Supt. Garry McCarthy, in the moments before the video release, urged people to remain peaceful.

The video shows Officer Jason Van Dyke, 37, getting out of his squad and shooting McDonald multiple times. Authorities said he hit him 16 times, emptying his cartridge into the teen, including many shots while McDonald was on the ground.

Police union officials initially said McDonald lunged at them with a knife. The video shows McDonald holding a knife and spinning while walking down the middle of the street. It's unclear when the first shot hits him - before or after the spin.

[Van Dyke turned himself in Tuesday morning](#), and a judge ordered him held without bond until at least Monday. He's expected to be held in [protective custody](#).

[Click Here](#) to View Killing of Mr. Laquan MacDonald

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**Peaceful Protesters in
Minneapolis Seeking Justice
for Jamar Clark Shut Down
Mall of America!!!**

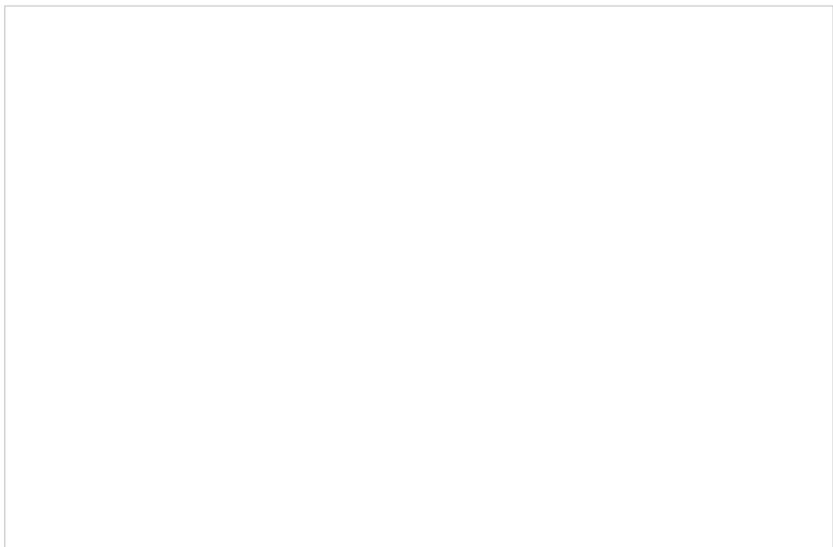
[It is time for President Obama to send in the Justice Department to deliver justice for Jamar Clark \(shot in the head while possibly handcuffed\).](#)



More than 3,000 people flood rotunda in Mall of America.

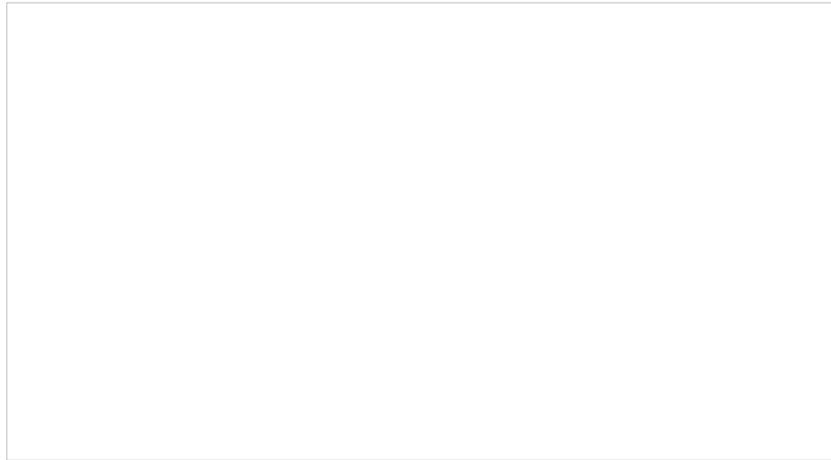


Minneapolis Police dispersed the "angry crowd" above by spraying chemical agents on them. The police were "surprised and shocked" when the crowd turned from peaceful to violent after they were gassed.

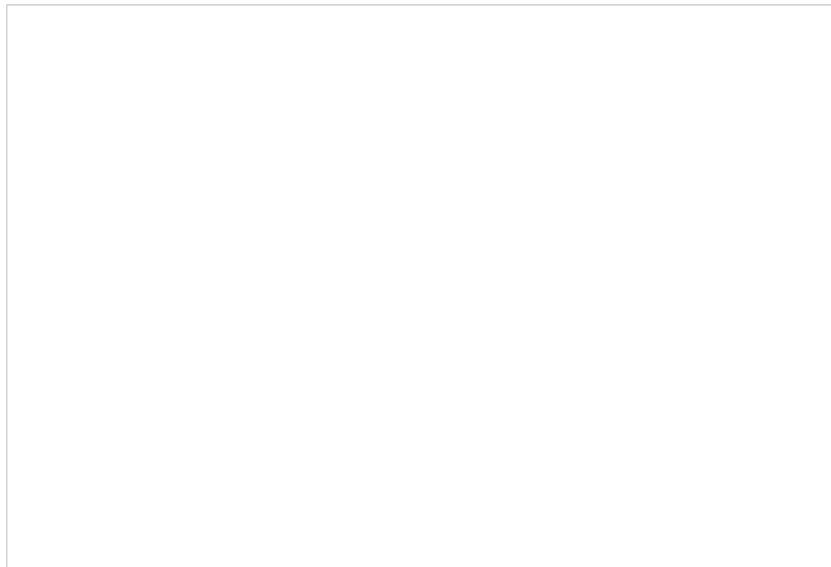


Minneapolis Police in full riot gear with horses and weapons prepared to "ride down" on peaceful Minneapolis

protesters. Protesters are asking for the release of a video of the police shooting.



Three White supremacist/terrorist, Allen Lawrence "Lance" Scarsella III, 23, of Bloomington; Nathan Gustavsson, 21, of Hermantown; and Daniel Macey, 26, of Pine City, shot 5 unarmed Black Lives Matters protesters across the street from a Minneapolis Police Station. It was reported that the police took a long time to arrive at these shootings across the street from their station.

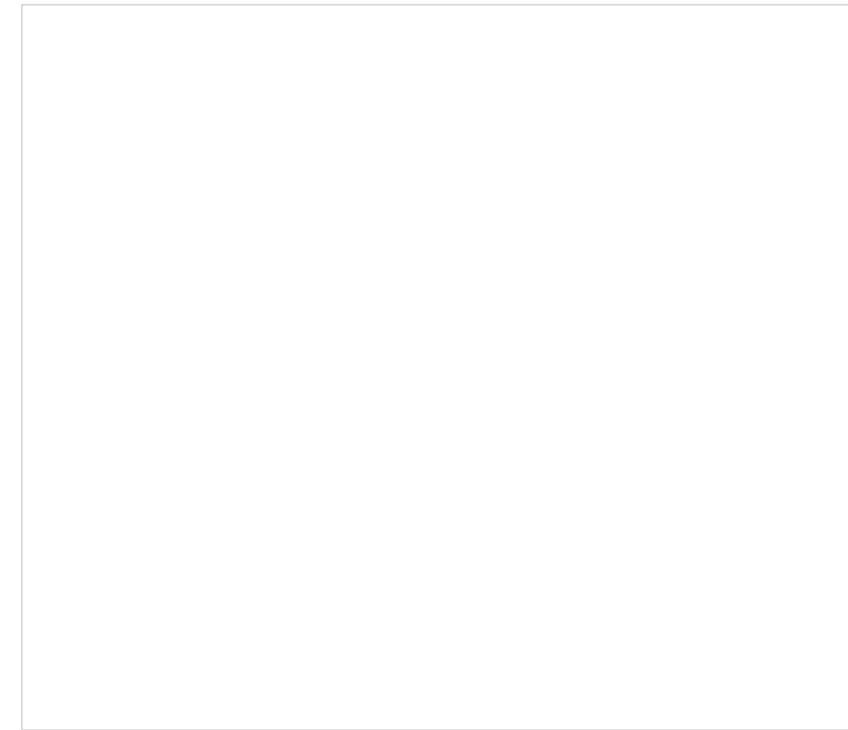


Peaceful protesters march in Minneapolis to bring attention to the police killing of Jamar Clark.

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From: Spector, Stephen

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:17 PM

To: Quinn, Kelley

Subject: FYI -- Ahern: Mayor Goes Silent After Release of Laquan McDonald Shooting Video

Mayor Goes Silent After Release of Laquan McDonald Shooting Video By Mary Ann Ahern

In the six days since the dash-cam video showing the fatal shooting of Laquan McDonald was released, Mayor Rahm Emanuel has not had a public schedule to allow for any questions concerning the video or subsequent protests and calls for his resignation on social media.

Emanuel spoke at the news conference just before the video was released last Tuesday. He then went to Millennium Park to attend the lighting of the Christmas tree, which was his last public event.

The mayor has plans to leave for Paris for the global Climate Summit for Local Leaders later this week, but it is not clear exactly when he will leave. Emanuel was originally scheduled to leave on Friday, but his spokesperson would not confirm his departure date this week.

Despite the lack of a public schedule, Emanuel has still been out and about in the city, attending different events. Last Wednesday night, the mayor's staff released a photo of the mayor enjoying a pre-Thanksgiving meal with refugees. His spokesperson said the meal was a "private event," which is why members of the media were not invited.

On Sunday afternoon, the mayor's staff released a photo of Emanuel cutting the ribbon at Washington Park at an event that was not made public until after it happened. The Sunday ribbon cuttings at newly renovated parks have been regular stops for the mayor. Usually the alderman of the respective ward also attends these ribbon cuttings, but this time Ald. Willie Cochran did not show.

Emanuel has come under fire in recent days due to his stance on releasing the dash-cam video showing the fatal shooting of 17-year-old McDonald. More than a week before the video was released, Emanuel said it would be premature to release it due to the ongoing FBI investigation. The morning after the video's release, the hashtag #ResignRahm was trending on Twitter.

Critics attacked Emanuel, along with Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy and Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, for the 13 months it took to file charges against Officer Jason Van Dyke, who shot McDonald 16 times.

Alvarez defended herself and Emanuel on Tuesday after first-degree murder charges were filed against Van Dyke, saying the mayor's plea to keep the video away from the public eye "was in the best interest of the investigation." Alvarez added that the reason it took 13 months to charge Van Dyke is because investigations into police shootings and misconduct are "massive and labor intensive."

Minutes before the video was released, Emanuel said he hadn't seen it yet and was waiting until the rest of the city could see it, too. He added that he hoped the release of the video would help "build bridges of understanding" in the city instead of inciting unrest.

"I believe this is a moment that can build bridges of understanding rather than become a barrier of misunderstanding," Emanuel said. "I understand that people will be upset and want to protest when they see this video. But I would like to echo the comments of the McDonald family. They asked for calm and that those who choose to speak out do it peacefully."

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Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:23 PM
To: Henry, Vance
Subject: RE: Prayer Vigil at CPD HQ; Monday, 11/30; 6:00-7:00PM

Vance, call me in the office when you get the opportunity regarding the below. Thanks 312 745 6210

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To: Chief of Patrol Eddie Johnson
Subject: Re: Fwd: Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin Office

Always glad to be helpful, and thank you

From: Johnson, Eddie T. <Eddie.Johnson@chicagopolice.org>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:18:52 PM
To: Henry, Vance
Subject: RE: Fwd: Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin Office

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To: Johnson, Eddie T.; Joe Deal; Laws, Lisa
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From: Martha Gooden <martha.gooden@fatherswhocare.org>
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 10:38:43 AM
To: Rev. Walter Jones Servant; Jr. Mr. Walter Amir Jones
Subject: Fwd: Cook County Commissioner Richard Boykin Office

Immediate Release:

Please join Cook County Commissioner Richard R. Boykin, Rev. David Ford, Congressman Danny K. Davis, Alderman Chris Taliaferro 29th Ward, State Rep. Camille Lilly, West Side Black Elected Officials, Fathers Who Care, West Side Community Stakeholders, Youth Organizations, Community Leaders, Business Leaders, and Faith Based Leaders in a Community Discussion in regards to the Laquan McDonald video.

The conversation will be all about "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE" as a community. We look forward to you attending this discussion and as always if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me directly at [1-312-603-4566](tel:1-312-603-4566). Please see pertinent information below. I have also attached the flier for you to share with others in your network.

[Community Discussion in Response to the Laquan McDonald Video: Where Do We Go From Here](#)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1ST AT 6PM

CHRIST TABERNACLE M.B.C CHURCH
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HOSTED BY: REV. DAVID FORD

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From: Spector, Stephen

Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 12:26 PM

To: PRESS_LIST

Subject: Politico: Sharpton calls for special prosecutor in Chicago police shooting

Sharpton calls for special prosecutor in Chicago police shooting Politico

Gov. Bruce Rauner of Illinois should follow the lead of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and appoint a special prosecutor to oversee police-involved civilian deaths, the Rev. Al Sharpton said on Monday.

A reporter for the New York Daily News had asked whether a charge of first-degree for Jason Van Dyke — the Chicago police officer who shot and killed Laquan McDonald in October 2014 — was "appropriate" or "overcharging."

"The question is, is the prosecutor the appropriate prosecutor," Sharpton said, at a press conference at the National Action Network headquarters in Harlem. "I think that the fact that it took her 400 days to prosecute means, whatever her charge, is she the one that ought to be doing the charge?"

State's Attorney Anita Alvarez announced the charges against Van Dyke last week, shortly before Chicago officials were scheduled to release video of the shooting that was recorded by a dashboard camera.

"Governor Andrew Cuomo worked with this organization and others to bring about a special prosecutor law in the state of New York to where the special prosecutor steps in when there's a fatality," Sharpton said. "We need to be fighting — I've told Chicago National Action Network that — to bring the Cuomo model to Illinois," he said, apparently referring to Cuomo's Executive Order No. 147, which Cuomo issued in July.

The order empowered the state attorney general to investigate and prosecute certain instances in which civilians were killed by police officers.

"How come we've not heard from the governor of Illinois of this?" Sharpton asked. "I read in The New York Times this morning, front page, how much money — he's got all these money people."

"Why isn't Rauner being challenged to do what Cuomo did and appoint a special prosecutor?" Sharpton said. "What [Alvarez] charged is insignificant. What is significant is that the same person that fumbled the ball is now being given the ball and asked to score, when it looked like she was waiting for the clock to run out of the game."

Representatives for Rauner did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 4:38 PM
To: Klinzman, Grant; Huffman, Lauren; Quinn, Kelley
Subject: RE: Social today

@monicadavey1 Here is video of remarks from police union president after court today via @Suntimes <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px0M0t749BM>

From: Spector, Stephen
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@CarolMarin: Exclusive new info on police, missing Burger King video & the death of LaQuan McDonald. I'll have it @5 on NBC5.

From: Klinzman, Grant
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FYI apparently CPD arrested the national prez of NAACP



[Cornell Brooks](#) **Verified account** @CornellWBrooks

In paddy wagon, just arrested with Stephen Green & young seminarians seeking justice 4 [#LaquanMcDonald](#).



From: Huffman, Lauren
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2015 2:05 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant; Spector, Stephen
Subject: Social today

Carol Marin @CarolMarin 18m18 minutes ago
Where's Rahm? Mary Ann Ahern investigates: fb.me/21AvsYXEK
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Thank you

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Everyone, all the time: LM

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Likely everyone: Tomorrow CPS will release their final recommendations for 2015 School Actions Guidelines. These will allow CPS to approve consolidations supported by the community.

Catalyst/Melissa Sanchez: Story on a potential CTU vote on a strike next week. CPS gave a statement on how they are focused on a solution with Springfield, and not a strike. Story posted today.

WBEZ/Monica Eng: Story re: a petition and website that Roosevelt High School students have created where they are demanding better, fresher healthier food from Aramark. They claimed to have found a bug and blue plastic in their food and also that the fruit cups are frozen and food is out of date. CPS provided a statement saying how they are committed to providing schools with food programs to deliver nutritious meals to all students. Story posted today.

ST, BGA/Sarah Karp: Story on the District's challenges in hiring diverse teachers. She received the data from a FOIA request which included the demographic information of hires the past few years. There has been a decline in number of Latino and African American teachers being hired after the state revised the requirements for teachers on the basic skill test. Story posted this past weekend.

CCC:

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AP/Sophia Tareen: Story on the Star Scholarship and the eligibility requirements. Reporter talked with Chancellor Hyman about who benefits from program, how eligibility requirements were created, and who scholarship is seeking to serve. Story appeared in AP today and got pick-up in 50+ outlets.

CDPH:

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Likely everyone: Tomorrow, CDPH Commissioner Dr. Julie Morita will announce the findings of last year's STI Surveillance report, which includes continuous decline of HIV cases diagnosed in Chicago. She will do media availability in the morning at a Red Line station where she and the team will be handing out condoms/educational materials in observance of World Aids Day. The condom distribution underscores the new "Chicago Wears Condoms" campaign, designed by youth to improve HIV awareness and healthy lifestyles among Chicago's youth.

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CDA:

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Tribune/Hilkevitch and Sun Times/Rossi: Both are writing about CDA's announcement that reserved parking will be offered at O'Hare and Midway International Airports starting December 1.

CTA:

RedEye/Rianne Coale: Weekly column featuring "comical profiles" on the differences between bus and rail riders.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 5:50 AM

To: Mark Sanders

CC: Brenda Palms-Barber

Subject: Building Bridges, Building Connections. The hard work must continue.

Dear North Lawndale Community, Partners and Friends:

On Tuesday November 24, 2015 the world witnessed, yet again, a horrific video of an African American teenager being shot to death, this time, by a Chicago police officer.

We at the North Lawndale Employment Network (NLEN), a 15 year old workforce development agency located on the Westside of Chicago in the 24th ward, are deeply saddened by this video. The brutality and disregard for human life on display is of the most vicious kind. We praise efforts to bring justice to the McDonald family and the Chicago community, to eradicate the structural racism embedded in our policing and legal system, and we fully agree with the charge of first degree murder.

Yet, we are angered by the parade of excuses and talking points from officials throughout the city administration that have obscured the truth and delayed justice. We have waited, along with many in our city, for details about this case for over a year. Had there not been dashboard cameras and continual pressure from activists, journalists, and community leaders, we might still be waiting. This lack of accountability and systemic corruption conveys to black and brown youth of this city that their lives do not matter; that their futures are expendable.

The North Lawndale Employment Network has long fought to improve the earnings potential and the quality of life for these futures through the revitalization of our neighborhood scarred by chronic poverty and neglect. We are dedicated to working with formerly incarcerated men and women because we believe that people should not be judged by their worst mistake, but based on their potential, their resilience, and their hard work. We hope that others across this city can come to see this tremendous potential and believe that transformations are possible.

At NLEN, we know that there are good people who serve as police officers, far more than those who do evil. Over the past four years, we have become proud partners of the Chicago Police Department, specifically, districts 10 and 11. We respect the enormous responsibility and danger they face to keep our community safe. In his press conference before releasing the video, Mayor Emmanuel talked about building bridges between police and communities. Since 2012, NLEN's U-Turn Permitted program—a program committed to helping ex-offenders gain employment—has worked to do just that. Further, in our Building Bridges, Building Connections program we facilitate dialogue between ex-offenders and police officers to increase understanding and humanize both our clients to officers and officers to our clients. This is an attempt to ensure that moments like October 20, 2014 never, ever happen again. We invite anyone interested in learning more to visit us and witness the honest, raw and promising dialogue that happens during our job readiness programs each cohort, 12 times a year.

In light of this respect, we demand the Chicago Police Department live up to its commitment to serve and protect. For us, this protection comes in following due process of law. We have heard far too many reports from members of our community and participants in our programs that officers in the Chicago Police Department have violated their rights with unlawful stops, intimidation, and unprovoked violence. We cannot accept this behavior. Nor can we accept the cover up of Laquan McDonald's murder. We stand with our community in demanding systemic change as well as accountability for those involved in covering up McDonald's murder. We demand consistent and fair practices that protect all the city's residents, not just some. We demand that when officers do violate the law, that the response be swift and severe. This systemic change will allow us to continue the deep and difficult work of building bridges and mutual connections of trust and respect vital to effecting generational and systemic impact.

Sincerely,
The North Lawndale Employment Network

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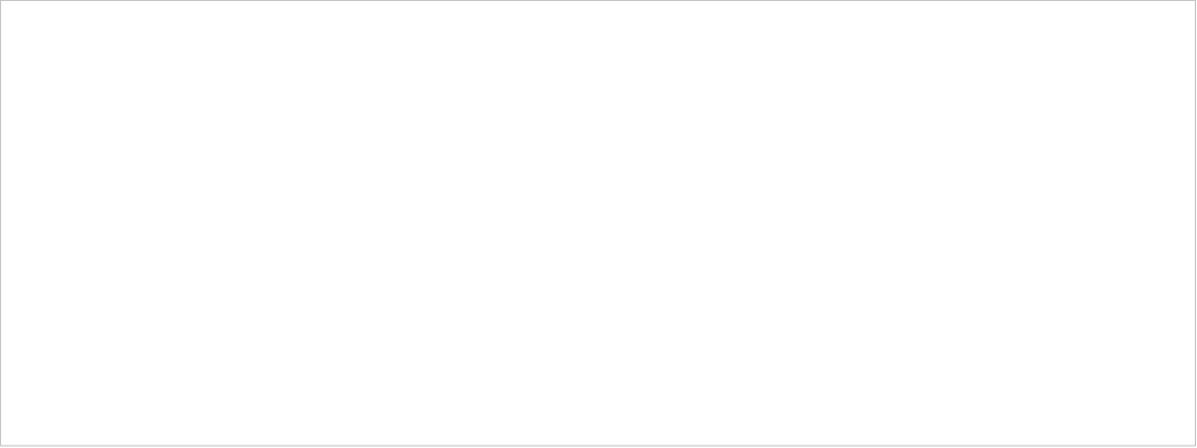
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[Read 100 BMC's official statement following the filing of charges against Ofc. Van Dyke.](#)

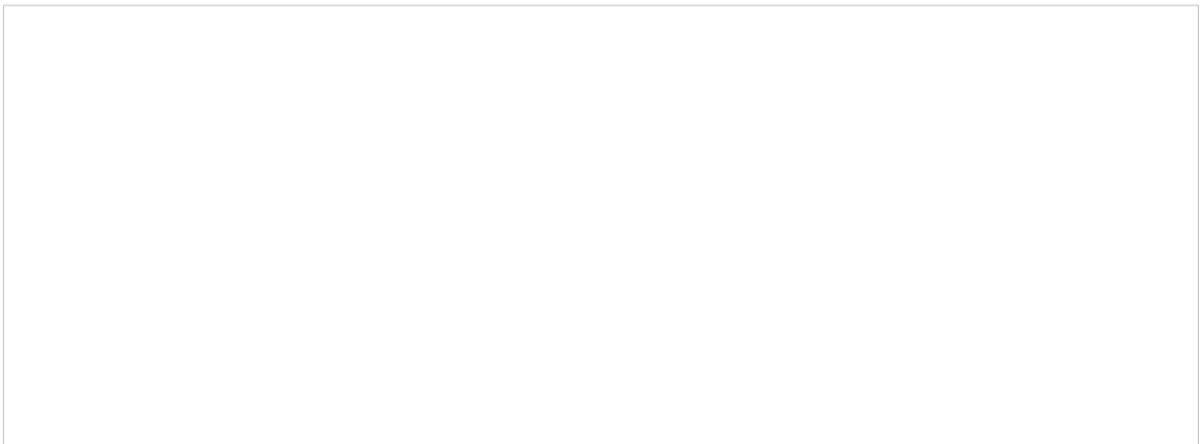
LAQUAN MCDONALD 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. stands in solidarity with all who are peacefully exercising their first amendment right to express their outrage and demand for answers following the charging of Officer Van Dyke in the death of Laquan McDonald. Read more from 100 BMC's [official statement](#).

[Join 100 BMC at our Holiday Party and Toy Drive.](#)

HOLIDAY PARTY AND TOY DRIVE 100 Black Men of Chicago, Inc. will host its Annual Holiday Party and Toy Drive, 'The Ultimate Party with a Purpose,' on December 15 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The event, in its 14th year, will be held at the Old Crow Smokehouse, 149 West Kinzie, in Chicago's River North community.

The 'festive attire' event is sponsored by Walmart and MillerCoors and will feature great music, heavy appetizers and a cash bar. Attendees are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped toy or clothing item valued at \$20 or more or purchase a [\\$25 ticket to the event at the door or via Eventbrite](#). The toys and proceeds will be given to underserved children, women and families at select Chicago-area community organizations and shelters before Christmas.

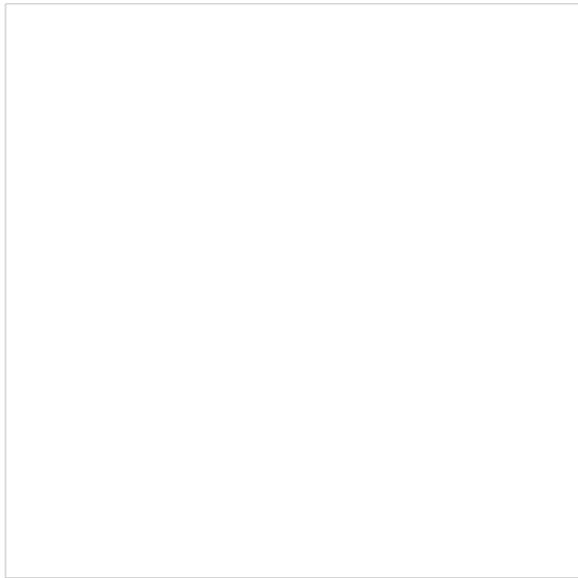
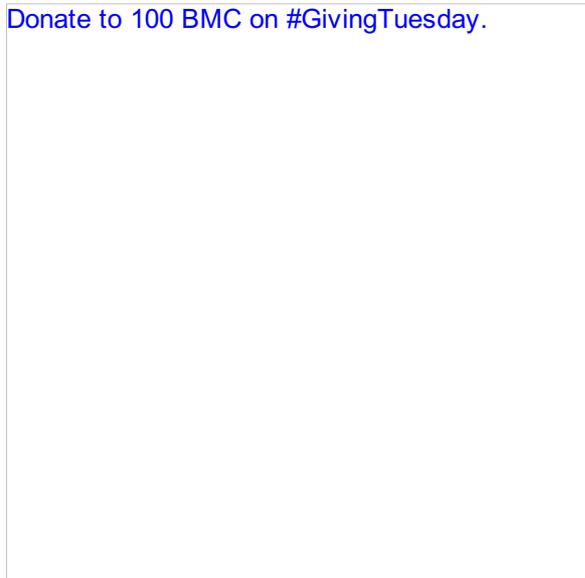
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MENTORING 100 Black Men of Chicago has five mentoring sites across the Chicago area. Members are trained in “Mentoring The 100 Way®”, a patented training program developed by the National 100 Black Men of America after years of mentoring experiences. [Visit 100bmc.org](http://100bmc.org) to learn more.

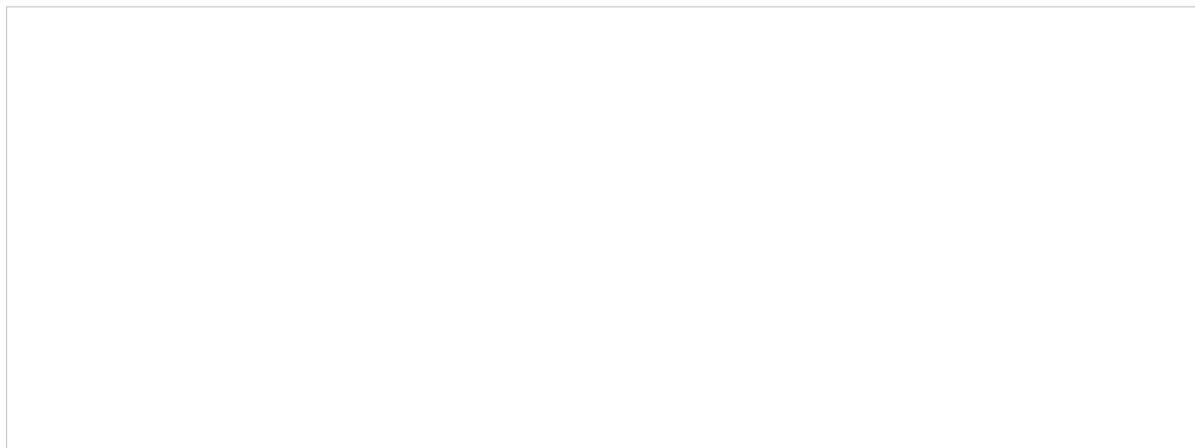
PATHWAYS TO SUCESS Our Pathways to Success program is seeking high school students. The program is designed to provide early opportunities for high school students to learn workforce readiness skills and receive an introduction to corporate careers and entrepreneurship. For more information email john.anderson@100bmc.org.

[Donate to 100 BMC on #GivingTuesday.](#)



GIVING TUESDAY Today, December 1st, marks Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving back. On this Giving Tuesday, help us mentor Chicago's youth - [consider supporting the 100 Black Men of Chicago by making a charitable donation.](#)

BLACK ENSEMBLE THEATER The Black Ensemble Theater presents *Dynamite Diva's: A Tribute to Women of Soul*. A tribute to *Nina Simone, Gladys Knight, Roberta Flack, Aretha Franklin and Nancy Wilson*. Previews are December 12, 13th, 18th and 19th. The show opens December 20th and runs through January 24th, 2016. For more information call 773-769-4451 or visit blackensembletheater.org.



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[CBS2 News at 5AM: MRE to announce creation of a task force on police accountability](#)

ANCHOR: 5:00 is your time and one week after Chicago police officer was charged in the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald, we're now learning other officers could face more scrutiny. Today Mayor Emanuel will announce a task force and cbs 2's Suzanne Le Mignot is live at city hall to explain. Good morning.

LE MIGNOT: Good morning. And you know the mayor is going to be announcing the formation of this new task force with the goal of having more accountability in the Chicago police department. Now here's a look at some of the things that this task force is going to entail. It will be basically entail being called the task force on police accountability and review accountability and oversight and training currently in place for police officers. Members will include -- & the panel will also give a full report to the mayor and the city council by the end of March next year. Now this all comes on the heels of the shooting death of 17-year-old Laquan McDonald. McDonald was shot 16 times last year by Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke. Release of the video prompted protests around the city and calling for superintendent Garry McCarthy to lose his job.

MCCARTHY: Well, first of all, they're making sure that people understand the disciplinary system which was not the Chicago police department investigating this incident. So at the end of the day, there's nothing for us to be transparent about. People are criticizing me for not firing an officer and no pay status, I can't do it by law.

LE MIGNOT: Meantime the Chicago police department has released crime numbers for the month of November. And they are saying that aggravated assaults, burglaries, robberies and this same time last year. Reporting live at city hall, Suzanne Le Mignot, cbs 2 news. Erin?

[FOX32 News at 7AM: Interview with Garry McCarthy PART 1 AND Part 2](#)

garry mccarthy is joining us here in the studio right now to talk about this. a lot of changes going on. what do you make of this?

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As discussed.

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*Five-Member Panel Will Work to Improve the Accountability, Oversight
and Training of Chicago's Police Force*

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the creation of a task force to review the system of accountability, oversight and training that is currently in place for Chicago's police officers. The *Task Force on Police Accountability* will recommend reforms to the current system to improve independent oversight of police misconduct, ensure officers with repeated complaints are identified and evaluated appropriately, and establish best practice for release of videos of police-involved incidents.

"The shooting of Laquan McDonald requires more than just words," Mayor Emanuel said. "It requires that we act; that we take more concrete steps to prevent such abuses in the future, secure the safety and the rights of all Chicagoans, and build stronger bonds of trust between our police and the communities they're sworn to serve."

The task force will be co-chaired by five respected leaders in criminal justice:

- Sergio Acosta is a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson and a former federal prosecutor
- Joe Ferguson is Inspector General of the City of Chicago and a former federal prosecutor
- Hiram Grau is the former Director of the Illinois State Police and former Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department
- Lori Lightfoot is president of the Chicago Police Board, a partner at Mayer Brown and a former federal prosecutor
- Randolph Stone is a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, director of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project Clinic, and a former Cook County Public Defender

Former Massachusetts Governor and Chicago native Deval Patrick will serve as a senior advisor to the task force. Patrick also served as U.S. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division under President Bill Clinton.

The task force is charged with:

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The task force will actively engage community, victims' rights, law enforcement, youth, religious and elected leaders to ensure the recommendations are based on input from all parts of the city. Its recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and City Council by March 31, 2016.

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Subject: RE: Today

@edmarshallcbs2: "I have serious work to do here:" @RahmEmanuel sez he MAY back out of planned trip to Paris w/@POTUS.

@ReporterHal: Staying calm, taking many Qs.

@BenBradley: Amazing that people are asking Rahm Emanuel if he'll resign, no one ever asked Daley that. Just saying.

From: Spector, Stephen
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To: Huffman, Lauren; Rodriguez, Eve; Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
Subject: RE: Today

@nbcchicago: "No one person trumps my commitment to the city of the #Chicago and its future" #Emanuel <http://nbcchi.com/2kznuPI>

@jaketapper: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announces he has asked for the resignation of Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy.

@ReporterHal: "How do you get to an early warning system" on problem cops,
@RahmEmanuel asks.

@AriMelber: Rahm last week: This is one officer, not about the Police Department. Rahm now: I'm firing the head of the Police Department.

@craigrwall: Mayor: The goal is to build trust and confidence of the public,(McCarthy) has become an issue rather than dealing w/ the issue @fox32news

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@monicadavey1: Chicago Police Superintendent Garry McCarthy out after 4 and a half years and mounting anger following release of police shooting video.

@cbschicago: #Rahm talks collaboration between #CPD and #ACLU. Reinforces notion of "transparency." #GarryMcCarthy

@stkennedy: "I'm just as responsible as everyone else" in this situation, says Emanuel.

@WGN Erik: @RahmEmanuel does not answer why he didn't release the video earlier.
@WGNNews #LaquanMcDonald

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 11:11 AM
To: Huffman, Lauren; Rodriguez, Eve; Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
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@ReporterHal:"The public trust . . . had been eroded," @RahmEmanuel says, saying he asked for McCarthy resignation this morning.

@KThomasDC: CHICAGO (AP) _ Chicago mayor fires police superintendent amid outcry over video of fatal shooting by officer.

@nbcchicago: #BREAKING: John Escalante named interim Chicago Police Superintendent
<http://nbcchi.com/TGXmKEf>

@NBCNightlyNews: JUST IN: Chicago mayor says he asked for police superintendent's resignation; move comes in wake of shooting case.

From: Spector, Stephen
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@BillRuthhart: Rahm Emanuel: There is a history of excessive force in Chicago and McDonald killing a reminder of much work to do.

@monicadavey1: Mayor Rahm Emanuel appears at Chicago's City Hall to answer questions about death of Laquan McDonald

@NPR: Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel announces that the police superintendent has been fired.

@BillRuthhart: Rahm Emanuel: The city must have trust in the system, pledges to redouble the city's work to earn Chicagoans trust

@paschut: [.@RahmEmanuel](#) : "this morning, I formally asked for Garry McCarthy's resignation. I'm grateful for his service to the city."

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Huffman, Lauren; Rodriguez, Eve; Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
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@chrislhayes: How will Rahm explain the handling of the McDonald case was McCarthy's fault when his own lawyers fought to keep the tape under wraps ?

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 10:29 AM
To: Huffman, Lauren; Rodriguez, Eve; Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
Subject: RE: Today

@billjcameron: Supt McCarthy in City Hall, described as looking glum walking in. Rahm presser at 11a. @wlsam890

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 10:27 AM
To: Huffman, Lauren; Rodriguez, Eve; Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant
Subject: RE: Today

@MaryAnnAhernNBC: Sup McCarthy called to City Hall, left 5th floor approx 8 am, accdg to source "not happy" #RahmChicago #LaquanMcDonald

From: Huffman, Lauren
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 10:23 AM
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Yes, I moved to this chain. Didn't mean to leave you out.

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Is it possible to all be on one chain about this?

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Yeah I just sent that around on another chain. Here is what I'm seeing. Please also be aware that Leah Hope will ask about the Ronald Johnson dash cam.

Mary Ann Ahern [@MaryAnnAhernNBC](#) 2m2 minutes ago

New Search for [#CPD](#) Sup? Talk Dep Chief John Escalante may be named Interim Sup? [#RahmChicago](#)

Fran Spielman [@fspielman](#) 15m15 minutes ago

Silence coming out of the mayor's office is deafening. McCarthy is a fighter who wants to decide his own fate. But will he be allowed to?

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Lauren are you taking attendance in the press room, do you need my help? It's already a packed house.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 8:18 AM
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SUN TIMES // Fran Spielman // December 1, 2015

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The five-member panel — with Chicago native and former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick as its senior adviser — will be charged with recommending reforms aimed at improving “independent oversight of police misconduct” in the wake of the furor of a white police officer's October, 2014 shooting of Laquan McDonald as the 17-year-old was walking away from Officer Jason Van Dyke.

The task force was further charged with strengthening an early-warning system to identify and evaluate the handful of Chicago Police officers whose conduct draws multiple citizen complaints and establishing best practices for release of videos of police-involved” shootings and other incidents.

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The mayor and McCarthy have also been criticized for allowing Van Dyke to be stripped of his police powers, but remain on the city payroll for 13 months. He was placed on no-pay status only after Alvarez charged Van Dyke with first-degree murder. Both the mayor and McCarthy have argued that the police contract demanded that Van Dyke be paid until he was charged.

Former Mayor Richard M. Daley used the task force tactic repeatedly to wiggle out of crises during his 22-year reign. Daley asked a panel of experts to recommend reforms after the Lincoln Park porch collapse and the E2 nightclub disasters triggered, in part, by bureaucratic bungling at City Hall. Daley also appointed a blue-ribbon task force to study police misconduct.

Emanuel's five-member panel includes:

Hiram Grau, a former deputy police superintendent and finalist for superintendent who ran the Ill. State Police under former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn. If McCarthy is forced out, Grau could be a candidate for superintendent once again.

Inspector General Joe Ferguson, who is still investigating the Chicago Police officers blamed for engineering the massive police cover-up in the David Koschman case. Police Board President Lori Lightfoot, the former federal prosecutor who once ran the Chicago Police Department's Office of Professional Standards, the forerunner to the Independent Police Review Authority. Lightfoot was chosen earlier this year to chair a police board with a troubling history of reversing the superintendent's recommendations to terminate accused officers. Firings of wayward police officers have been recommended at every meeting since the new Police Board was seated. Sergio Acosta, the former federal prosecutor now serving as a partner at the clout-heavy law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson. Acosta has served on previous mayoral task forces, including one on minority set-asides.

Randolph Stone, a former Cook County public defender-turned-professor at the University of Chicago Law School who also serves as director of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project Clinic.

"The shooting of Laquan McDonald requires more than just words. It requires that we act — that we take concrete steps to prevent such abuses in the future, secure the safety and the rights of all Chicagoans and build stronger bonds of trust between our police and the communities we serve," Emanuel was quoted as saying in a press release.

In 2007, Daley severed the Office of Professional Standards from the Chicago Police Department and imported a Los Angeles attorney handed sweeping new powers to restore public confidence in investigations of police wrongdoing. The name of the agency was subsequently changed to the Independent Police Review Authority.

Ilana Rosenzweig said then that the fact she is an outsider who owed no one and knew nothing about the "culture of the Chicago Police Department" would be beneficial at a time when public confidence in OPS had hit rock-bottom.

Then-Police Supt. Phil Cline had just been forced out in the wake of the controversy surrounding police handling of two barroom brawls involving off-duty police officers. A videotape of off-duty officer Anthony Abbate brutally beating a diminutive female bartender was played around the world. The other barroom incident involved six off-duty officers accused of beating four businessmen at the Jefferson Tap and Grille on Dec. 15. They remained on the job for three months while the case languished in OPS.

In Tuesday's press release announcing the new task force, Emanuel noted that "additional changes" may have to be made to "improve the quality, independent or timeliness of IPRA's investigations of police involving shootings and excessive force." The mayor noted that the Police Department has "previously adopted programs" to identify problem police officers and "intervene" with those who have drawn "repeated complaints of excessive force or other misconduct."

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The mayor reiterated Tuesday that the city has a "longstanding policy" to keep videos and other evidence related to alleged police misconduct under wraps

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Attachment(s): "Committee on Finance Transcript April 13 2015.pdf"

I am going to share the transcript with him...

From: Daly, Michael [mailto:Michael.Daly@thedailybeast.com]
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I am a reporter with The Daily Beast, a news site based in New York. I wonder if it is possible to obtain a transcript of Mr. Patton's testimony before the City Council Finance Committee on April 13 regarding the Laquan McDonald case.

Thank you,
Michael Daly
The Daily Best
917-968-8827

Just FYI, there are some very good firefighters out here named McCaffrey.

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- ALDERMAN MATTHEW J. O'SHEA

April 13, 2015
10:00 o'clock a.m.

Council Chambers
City Hall
Chicago, Illinois

1 CHAIRMAN BURKE: Good morning, Ladies
2 and Gentlemen. The meeting will come to order.

3 Unless there's objection, I would
4 like to call up the supplemental agenda. We have
5 three orders permitting the Corporation Counsel to
6 enter into settlement agreements on three cases
7 that have been cited.

8 The Corporation Counsel is here to
9 address these matters and respond to questions, if
10 you have any.

11 Mr. Patton, please state your name
12 and your title.

13 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Steve
14 Patton, Corporation Counsel for the City.

15 CHAIRMAN BURKE: And address the first
16 one, Mr. Corporation Counsel, the Estate of LaQuan
17 McDonald, deceased, by its independent
18 administrator, Tina Hunter, which is cited at 14 P,
19 that's a probate case, 7092.

20 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: I'm happy to
21 do so. I want to again thank the Chair for the
22 courtesy of hearing me first this morning.

23 This first matter involves a claim
24 that was brought by the Estate of LaQuan McDonald,

1 a 17-year old, who was fatally shot last October by
2 a Chicago police officer who was responding to a
3 call of a man with a knife.

4 This shooting is the subject of a
5 pending and active investigation by federal and
6 state law enforcement authorities, and the
7 Independent Police Review Authority is also
8 investigating this matter in cooperation with the
9 federal and state authorities.

10 The Law Department recommends that
11 this claim be settled for \$5 million, inclusive of
12 attorney's fees and costs. I'll explain why we
13 think that is a settlement that makes sense for the
14 City and taxpayers.

15 First, a little bit about the
16 background facts. This incident began -- occurred
17 on October 20th of last year. It began with a 911
18 call from a citizen who reported that a person, now
19 known as LaQuan McDonald, was trying to break into
20 vehicles in a trucking yard at 41st and Kildare.
21 The citizen told the dispatcher that McDonald had a
22 knife and had threatened him with it.

23 Two police officers responded to the
24 call, and they found McDonald about a block away

1 from the trucking yard, and when they asked him to
2 show his hands, McDonald -- it was apparent that
3 McDonald was, in fact, holding a knife in his right
4 hand.

5 One of the officers ordered McDonald
6 to drop the knife, but McDonald ignored the request
7 and instead walked along 40th Street toward Pulaski
8 and away from the officers. One of the officers
9 followed on foot and kind of walked beside him as
10 he walked over toward Pulaski.

11 The other officer was in a marked
12 police vehicle and followed behind them. The
13 officer who was in the police vehicle called the
14 dispatcher again and said -- reported hey, we have
15 a guy with a knife here, send us a Taser, send us a
16 unit that has a Taser because they didn't have one.

17 So those two officers followed
18 McDonald for some period of minutes, and as
19 McDonald got closer to Pulaski, the officer in the
20 vehicle pulled in front of him to prevent him from
21 going onto Pulaski where he might encounter, you
22 know, civilians or others who might be put at risk.

23 McDonald at that point used the
24 knife to puncture one of the front tires in the

1 police vehicle and then struck the windshield with
2 the knife but then walked around the police car and
3 continued walking away from the officers but still
4 holding the knife.

5 He continued to walk or jog away
6 from the officers through a Burger King parking lot
7 and onto Pulaski Road. At that point two
8 additional squad cars reported to the scene. One
9 of these vehicles was equipped with a dash cam
10 video that recorded the subsequent shooting.

11 One of those squad cars, the one
12 with the video cam, followed behind McDonald on
13 Pulaski or was positioned behind him. The other
14 squad car, which contained the shooter, pulled up
15 beside him and then pulled again in front of him as
16 he walked southbound on Pulaski.

17 The officers jumped out of the car
18 with their guns drawn. One of the officers, the
19 shooting officer, who's -- I'm going to call him
20 Officer A because his identity has not yet been
21 disclosed, and under our Collective Bargaining
22 Agreement with the Fraternal Order of Police in
23 circumstances like that we're contractually
24 obligated not to disclose the officer's identity

1 until they are identified as part of criminal or
2 other proceedings.

3 In any event, the shooting officer
4 exited the vehicle gun drawn and then shot
5 Mr. McDonald 16 times, all of it captured on
6 videotape. What preceded the shooting is disputed
7 between the plaintiffs in this case and the
8 shooting officer.

9 The shooting officer contends, as I
10 understand it, that Mr. McDonald was moving toward
11 him. He was in fear of his life. Mr. McDonald was
12 only one car width, you know, away, one lane away
13 on Pulaski, 10, 15 feet.

14 The plaintiffs contend very
15 vehemently that Mr. McDonald had been walking away
16 from the police and was continuing to walk away
17 from the police, and they contend that the
18 videotape supports their version of the events.

19 There are a number of reasons why we
20 have concluded and recommend to you that this case
21 be settled and believe that the proposed -- and
22 explain why we think the proposed settlement is in
23 the best interests of the City and our taxpayers.

24 First, the attorneys for the estate

1 will argue that Mr. McDonald did not pose any
2 immediate threat of death or great bodily harm to
3 Officer A and that instead McDonald, as I mentioned
4 before, was walking away from the police when he
5 was shot, and they will argue that the videotape
6 supports their version of events.

7 The estate or plaintiffs will also
8 argue that their position that deadly force was not
9 justified is demonstrated by the conduct of the
10 other officers at the scene, none of whom fired
11 their weapons at McDonald.

12 This is kind of a unique case where
13 we had the original two officers who arrived at the
14 scene, followed Mr. McDonald for some number of
15 blocks and matter of minutes and never saw fit to
16 discharge their weapons.

17 It also applies to Officer A's
18 partner who is right beside him when they exited
19 the police vehicle also got out of the police car
20 with gun drawn but did not shoot.

21 So the plaintiffs will contend, if
22 this matter were not resolved, that the
23 unreasonableness of Officer A's conduct is shown by
24 the restraint that was demonstrated by the other

1 five officers, none of whom discharged their
2 weapons.

3 Finally, the plaintiffs will point
4 to the fact that there were no pedestrians,
5 automobiles, other folks who were near McDonald at
6 the time he was shot and as to which he might have
7 posed an imminent danger. So that's why we think
8 the settlement makes sense on the issue of
9 liability.

10 As to damages, although McDonald had
11 an extensive juvenile record, he had recently
12 obtained summer employment through a church social
13 agency; and, further, in September of 2014, just a
14 month before he was -- before he passed, he had
15 enrolled in the Sullivan Alternative School, which
16 is a school for troubled youth, and his mentor
17 there will testify or would testify that McDonald
18 had good grades at the time of his death and was
19 making progress in turning his life around.

20 McDonald is survived by his mother
21 and a 15-year old sister. At the time of his
22 death, he was a ward of the state and in the
23 temporary custody of an uncle; however, LaQuan's
24 mother had initiated a petition to regain custody

1 of LaQuan, and in May of 2014 the Juvenile Court
2 had ordered supervised visits in anticipation of
3 granting her petition.

4 The proposed settlement was
5 initiated by counsel for the estate who expressed
6 an interest in trying to resolve the case without
7 filing a lawsuit as part of our ongoing initiative,
8 which you've heard me talk about before, of
9 assessing cases early because if it's a case that
10 should be settled, I am convinced, and I think our
11 record shows it, saves the City and taxpayers money
12 to resolve cases before they generate a lot of fees
13 and other costs.

14 We engaged in a series of back and
15 forth negotiations, disclosure of information. The
16 estate initially demanded \$16 million, and over the
17 course of several rounds of negotiations, we agreed
18 to a \$5 million dollar settlement which is
19 inclusive of all the claims -- of all claims, fees
20 and costs.

21 And we respectfully submit that this
22 represents a significant reduction, not only from
23 the initial demand which is far less or less than a
24 third of the initial demand but avoids long and

1 costly litigation, including substantial attorney's
2 fees and other litigation costs, and we
3 respectfully request that this Body approve that
4 settlement.

5 CHAIRMAN BURKE: Questions? Alderman
6 Ervin.

7 ALDERMAN ERVIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 I do understand that the demand may
9 have, you know, been, you know, 16 million or so.
10 How did we settle on 5 and not necessarily -- is
11 there a significant loss of income? What are the
12 factors that get you legitimately to 5?

13 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: The 5 was a
14 negotiated number, Alderman, but it's within the
15 range of amounts that have been paid either by way
16 of judgment or settlement in prior cases involving
17 police shootings, and it was a combination of our
18 assessment of the risk of liability if the case
19 were tried and what kinds of damages have been
20 awarded in the past by juries in cases like this.

21 ALDERMAN ERVIN: Has there been any
22 discipline meted on the officer or officers
23 involved in this particular incident?

24 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: It's one

1 officer, and the Independent Police Review
2 Authority is investigating it, but this is a matter
3 that's under active current criminal investigation
4 by both federal and state law enforcement
5 authorities.

6 ALDERMAN ERVIN: Well, with that in mind,
7 does that get us to that point of being willful and
8 wanton which would somewhat absolve us of liability
9 and place sole liability on the individual's
10 action?

11 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: No, because
12 we still would be responsible for his, this
13 officer's -- if the officer were found to have not
14 had justifiable belief that he was in imminent
15 threat of harm, we would have been -- the City
16 would have been responsible for any judgment, just
17 as we have been in other police shooting cases
18 where the jury believes that the shooting was not
19 justified.

20 ALDERMAN ERVIN: So in your opinion, this
21 officer did not act outside of the scope of
22 employment based on your professional opinion?

23 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: That's
24 right. The scope of -- It's two very different

1 issues. Scope of employment, very broadly
2 interpreted by the courts and particularly the 7th
3 Circuit. We have had that come up before.

4 Matters that are plainly ones that
5 the City does not condone, in the case of some
6 infamous cases that are absolutely reprehensible
7 because the policeman involved was still acting
8 with force of law and as a policeman is within
9 scope of authority.

10 It's a different issue about whether
11 misconduct was involved, whether use of force was
12 justified.

13 ALDERMAN ERVIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

14 CHAIRMAN BURKE: Alderman Laurino.

15 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Thank you,
16 Mr. Chairman.

17 Could I ask you just to comment on a
18 couple of issues? First of all, what's our Taser
19 policy? Does everybody have a Taser?

20 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: I'm sorry?

21 ALDERMAN LAURINO: A Taser, do the police
22 officers all carry Tasers?

23 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Apparently
24 not. I know a number of them do. These two

1 officers, the two officers that originally arrived
2 at the scene, did not have a Taser.

3 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Is it a policy or I'm
4 just curious as to if we could find out what our
5 policy is on officers that carry Tasers, and if you
6 could share that with us at a later date through
7 the Chairman. Could you do that for me?

8 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: I would be
9 happy to do that.

10 CHAIRMAN BURKE: I believe at one time
11 they were sergeants only that had the Tasers, but
12 in the ensuing years now, I believe it's a weapon
13 that's optional for the officer to carry. It would
14 appear had the Taser been available in this case,
15 maybe the taxpayers wouldn't be shelling out
16 \$5 million.

17 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Exactly. That's what
18 I was thinking. So once again I just think we need
19 to explore the policy on that.

20 Then, secondly, the videotape, that
21 was a videotape from one of the officers; is that
22 correct?

23 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Yes, it was
24 a dash camera video.

1 ALDERMAN LAURINO: And how many of our
2 officers are equipped with videotape?

3 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Once again
4 I have to get back to the Chair on how many of our
5 squad cars or patrols have dashboard video cameras.

6 ALDERMAN LAURINO: I suspect that is
7 going to change the outcome of a number of cases
8 for us because we are videotaping, correct?

9 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: You know, I
10 don't think that this is a case that -- each one of
11 these, Alderman Laurino, we have to look at on
12 their own.

13 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Certainly.

14 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Sometimes
15 there's videotape evidence. Sometimes there's not.
16 There's a lot of different types of evidence above
17 and beyond videotape evidence, and that's true in
18 this case.

19 ALDERMAN LAURINO: But his was one piece
20 of the puzzle that brought us to this conclusion,
21 correct?

22 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: It is. It
23 was an important piece of the evidence here, not
24 the only evidence that we considered, and I'm sure

1 the criminal, you know, investigating authorities
2 are considering, but it's one piece.

3 ALDERMAN LAURINO: Okay. Fine. Thank
4 you.

5 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Yes.

6 CHAIRMAN BURKE: You might also in your
7 getting us the information on the Tasers get us the
8 information on how they instruct the police on
9 shootings now.

10 When I was a cop, they used to teach
11 us to shoot three rounds and then -- of course, in
12 those days we had wheel guns. We didn't have guns
13 with 16 and 17 rounds in them.

14 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Yeah.

15 CHAIRMAN BURKE: But this apparently is a
16 situation where the cop shoots him 16 times.

17 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Yes.

18 CHAIRMAN BURKE: I don't know if there's
19 a general order or what the protocol is on both of
20 these issues.

21 CORPORATION COUNSEL PATTON: Will do.

22 CHAIRMAN BURKE: Any other questions of
23 the Corporation Counsel on this matter?

24 (No response.)

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I have one more coming. Fox would like to talk.

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Subject: Re: MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES TASK FORCE ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

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Subject: FW: MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES TASK FORCE ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Archbishop,

Thank you for your time this morning. Attached is the press release we issued this morning. This will also be the subject of an 11:00 news conference today.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Best,

Eileen

From: Mayor's Press Office
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MAYOR EMANUEL ANNOUNCES TASK FORCE ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY

Five-Member Panel Will Work to Improve the Accountability, Oversight and Training of Chicago's Police Force

Mayor Rahm Emanuel today announced the creation of a task force to review the system of accountability, oversight and training that is currently in place for Chicago's police officers. The *Task Force on Police Accountability* will recommend reforms to the current system to improve independent oversight of police misconduct, ensure officers with repeated complaints are identified and evaluated appropriately, and establish best practice for release of videos of police-involved incidents.

"The shooting of Laquan McDonald requires more than just words," Mayor Emanuel said. "It requires that we act; that we take more concrete steps to prevent such abuses in the future, secure the safety and the rights of all Chicagoans, and build stronger bonds of trust between our police and the communities they're sworn to serve."

The task force will be co-chaired by five respected leaders in criminal justice:

- Sergio Acosta is a partner at Hinshaw & Culbertson and a former federal prosecutor
- Joe Ferguson is Inspector General of the City of Chicago and a former federal prosecutor
- Hiram Grau is the former Director of the Illinois State Police and former Deputy Superintendent of the Chicago Police Department
- Lori Lightfoot is president of the Chicago Police Board, a partner at Mayer Brown and a former federal prosecutor
- Randolph Stone is a professor at the University of Chicago Law School, director of the Criminal and Juvenile Justice Project Clinic, and a former Cook County Public Defender

Former Massachusetts Governor and Chicago native Deval Patrick will serve as a senior advisor to the task force. Patrick also served as U.S. Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division under President Bill Clinton.

The task force is charged with:

- Improving independent oversight of police misconduct. In response to prior complaints concerning the investigation of police-involved shootings and other claims of serious police misconduct, the City Council created a new, independent, civilian-led agency in 2006 to conduct such investigations – the Independent Police Review Authority. The task force will examine if there are additional changes that should now be made to improve the quality, independence or timeliness of IPRA's investigations of police-involved shootings and excessive force.
- Examining the best ways to ensure officers with repeated complaints are identified and evaluated appropriately. The CPD has previously adopted programs to identify and intervene with respect to officers who have been the subject of repeated complaints of excessive force or other misconduct. The task force will review what the CPD or IPRA can and should do to identify officers with problematic conduct, including racial bias, and what can be done to effectively intervene to change that conduct.
- Recommending best practices for release of videos of police-involved incidents. The City (including both CPD and IPRA) has a longstanding policy not to publicly release videos and other evidence relating to alleged police misconduct that is the subject of pending criminal and/or disciplinary investigations until such investigations are concluded so as not to jeopardize those investigations. The task force will consider if the City should change this policy, and if so, when and under what circumstances should such evidence be released to the public.

The task force will actively engage community, victims' rights, law enforcement, youth, religious and elected leaders to ensure the recommendations are based on input from all parts of the city. Its recommendations will be presented to the Mayor and City Council by March 31, 2016.

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Hey Matthew – I saw that you reached out for information about the Task Force on Police Accountability. Below is the fact sheet. Let me know if you need any more information.

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Fact sheet or release?

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Please do.

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 1, 2015 1:26 PM
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Happy to send him the fact sheet and see if he needs more than that

From: Edmond, Angel
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Quinn, Kelley; Spector, Stephen; Klinzman, Grant
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Matt Stout of the Boston Herald would like to talk to someone regarding the task force more

specifically regarding Governor Patrick of Boston being selected as a senior advisor. Contact info below. Reporter deadline is 6pm, CST.

Matthew.stout@bostonherald.com

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 1:48 PM
To: charles.h.thomas@abc.com
CC: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: RE: Talk to Steve Patton?

Hey Charles - Glad we connected over the phone. Adding Bill from Steve's office.

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 12:45 PM
To: charles.h.thomas@abc.com
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Charles -

Let me know if it'd be helpful for you to talk to Steve Patton to walk thru the timeline of events regarding the Laquan McDonald case. Steve is available this afternoon.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 2:01 PM

To: Quinn, Kelley; Klinzman, Grant; Ewing, Clothilde

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Agree completely!

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The Governor will advise the Task Force members on key questions they are grappling with. (See release.)

No compensation.

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Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 3:03 PM
To: Spector, Stephen
CC: Mike Flannery
Subject: Re: Talk to Steve Patton?

Mike, can you call me 312-██████████

Sent from my iPhone

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I'm connecting you with Bill in the Law office. Let us know if there's anything else you need.

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To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: RE: Talking to reporters

Agreed and thanks

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This is the statement and background. You probably need some more, but I don't think he is going to answer too many direct questions on this.

“The top priority is preserving and maintaining the integrity of any investigation into police misconduct, regardless of which agency is conducting the inquiry. In light of the recent court ruling that FOIA law does not protect evidence held by one agency while another is investigating, the City is currently re-examining whether and when this video should be released.

This case is still under investigation by IPRA, but has stark differences from the Laquan McDonald case, including a recovered gun.”

Background

The decedent in this instance is Ronald Johnson, a 25 year old member of the Black P. Stone gang with prior arrests and convictions, including a guilty plea of aggravated battery of a police officer in 2008, being charged of threatening to shoot his girlfriend and pleading guilty to domestic battery and gang activity in 2011.

Prior to the incident, Johnson was at a gang party and shortly after leaving, he was involved in a shooting. Multiple 911 calls reported shots fired from the area he was in along with a description of the suspected shooter. Mr Johnson fit the description.

Officers were immediately sent to the scene and spotted Johnson in an alley behind the location of the gang party, and Johnson fled and ran around the corner directly into other officers who attempt to take Mr. Johnson into custody.

Johnson struggled and broke free knocking one of the officers to the ground and brandished a gun. Officers saw the gun and multiple times yelled for Johnson to drop the gun.

Johnson was running with the gun directly towards other responding officers and posed an active threat to the police and the public.

Fearing for his safety and the safety of his fellow officers, Officer George Hernandez fired striking Mr. Johnson once in the back of the leg and once in the shoulder.

Mr. Johnson was disarmed and the gun was recovered. An ambulance

transported Johnson to the hospital where he died.
Officer Hernandez has no prior complaints of excessive force.

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Are you able to send me the Ronald Johnson talking points? Pulling together potential Q&A in advance of MRE's POLITICO event tomorrow.

From: McCaffrey, Bill
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 12:38 PM
To: Spector, Stephen
Subject: RE: Talking to reporters

I have not gotten any calls about McDonald today, but I am sure that people would want to discuss Ronald Johnson. I've sent some talking points to Kelley for that.

He will make time for reporters.

From: Spector, Stephen
Sent: Tuesday, December 01, 2015 12:35 PM
To: McCaffrey, Bill
Subject: Talking to reporters

Bill - I was tasked with seeing if reporters would find it helpful if they can talk to Patton today. Before I reach out to them, I want to make sure a) you are tracking b) he has time available this afternoon?

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Attached is the transcribed press conference.

I indicated with a line break and bold italics the beginning of the Q&A section.

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MRE: Everybody ready? Sorry for the temperature. The case of Officer James Van Dyke is now before the court, where he stands charge for first degree murder. I feel strongly as mayor of the City of Chicago that we face our own questions and our own judgment. The horrifying shooting of Mr. McDonald requires more than words of sadness. It requires that we act, that we take more concrete steps to prevent such abuses in the future, secure the safety and the rights of all Chicagoans, and build stronger bonds of trust between our police department, the men and women that make up that department, and the communities they're sworn to protect. While I don't believe the actions of Officer Van Dyke reflect the vast majority of the men and women who risk their lives every day to protect our lives, I also know that the use of excessive force and misuse of authority is not new in Chicago, or isolated only to Chicago. There is a history of it. We worked hard to address these concerns over the past four and a half years through intensive training, new policies governing the use of force. But, for whatever progress we have made, the killing of Laquan McDonald is a vivid reminder that we have much more work to do as a city. There are two key questions before us. First, was this specific investigation handled properly? And I want to be clear that question is being investigated by the United States Department of Justice, and the U.S. Attorney's office. And, as you know, the city has handed every piece of evidence over to the U.S. Attorney's office here in Chicago, and the FBI within weeks of the incident. This includes evidence of the shooting itself, but also evidence relating to the police department's response. They will address these questions when their investigation is complete. I hope you would await the conclusion of their inquiry, which I also am anxious for. The second question is how we prevent this type of incident from happening again. How do we ensure that we are effectively policing the police? That is why, today, I'm announcing that I've asked five respected Chicagoans, who are leaders in the criminal justice system, to do a top to bottom review of the system of oversight and accountability, training and transparency that is currently in place for Chicago police officers. These five Chicagoans have extensive experience investigating police misconduct or representing victims of police misconduct. They include Sergio Costa, Inspector General Joe Ferguson, Laurie Lightfoot, Hyde Growl, and Randel Stone. They will actively engage community leaders, victims' rights, law enforcement, youth, religious, and elected leaders to ensure the recommendations are based on inputs from all parts of the city, and all perspectives as it relates to criminal justice, and the police department, and public safety. In addition, Chicago native and former Massachusetts governor Deval Patrick, who has led the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division under President Clinton has agreed to serve as a senior advisor to the task force. These six Chicagoans know, like I know, that the vast majority of our officers are committed to the communities they serve. But they also know, like I do, that any case of excessive force or abuse of authority undermines the entire force and the trust we must build with every community in the city. Police officers are only effective if they are trusted by all Chicagoans, whoever they are and wherever they live in the city. By reinvigorating our oversight, we are taking the necessary steps to build trust between the police and the residents and communities they serve. In order to bring the level of safety to our streets that every Chicagoan deserves, people must have confidence in our entire system. They must have trust in this system. That's why the task force will look at how the city handles excessive force cases, how we can develop an early warning system to help us intervene with problem officers, and how to improve transparency in these cases without compromising ongoing investigations. Every day, we work to earn their trust, to earn the

public's trust. We will redouble our work in pursuit of that goal. Every day we must ensure that the checks and balances are in place to keep the confidence of Chicagoans in their public safety and in the people that are trusted with that responsibility. That trust must be earned by everyone, from the police officer on the beat to the highest ranking officials in our government. Superintendent Garry McCarthy has been an excellent leader of our police department over the past four and a half years. His community policing strategy has led to the lowest overall crime rate on record, and his efforts to remove guns from the street have yielded significant progress. But, Superintendent McCarthy knows a police officer is only as effective when he has the trust of those that he serves. After this weekend, after effectively handling both the protests that followed the release of the McDonald video last week, and the arrests of Tyshawn's killers, Superintendent McCarthy and I began a discussion on Sunday about the direction of the department and the undeniable fact that the public trust in the leadership of the department has been shaken and eroded. This morning, I formally asked for his resignation. The Superintendent, Garry's record at the police department, is a strong one, and one that he can be proud of. I'm grateful for his service to the city. He has both modernized the department and brought real results to the people of the City of Chicago. But now is the time for fresh eyes and new leadership to confront the challenges facing the department, and our community, and our city as we go forward. I've asked First Deputy, John Escalante, to act as acting commissioner until the police board has conducted a thorough search. From body cameras to today's task force, to the new Superintendent, this is not the end of the problem. But it is the beginning of the solution to the problem. There are systematic challenges that will require sustained reforms. It is a work in progress as we continue to build the confidence and the trust by the public in our police force. Everyone has a role to play. And I'm just as responsible and accountable as everyone else in working towards that solution. I do not take that responsibility and lightly and will work to ensure that every day we ensure we realize a strong Chicago we all want and the public deserves. Laurie?

Q&A BEGINS

REPORTER: You talk about transparency and accountability. If you knew about the Laquan McDonald case before, why didn't you just come out in front of it?

MRE: Well, two points Lauren I would say. One is you know the family contacted the council's office on February 27th, and that information has been made public. And we reached a resolution with them in short order. And then it was taken to City Council. If you go back to Steve's testimony with City Council in April, you'll not only hear the settlement, but you'll also hear a full, thorough discussion of the video tape. Second, in all that material, but also I would in what was in that video. So it was public in that way. As you can tell, we have two principles. One is the desire for public information, and two is also the principle about the integrity of an investigation. And it is clear that those two principles are in conflict. If you look at what I just asked the commission to do, is to not only take past practices, and protocols that exist in place today and have existed, but to ask core questions about a video, which is, "how do you make it public without either compromising or tainting or in any way hindering an ongoing investigation?" Now there's a common practice across the country, and there's a practice that's been in place in the City of Chicago. You don't hinder, you don't compromise an ongoing

investigation. Yet, it's clear you all want and the public deserves that information. They're two conflicting principles. That is why, just having met this morning with the commissioners, the five individuals. Do we need to make any changes to that practice to ensure that what we've seen you don't question why it's being held, and I've given that answer, Steve gave that answer when he was testifying back in April as he described the video. It's also to ask, "how do you reconcile those so the public gets what they want," but you don't ever get a situation where you have compromised an investigation and you can't bring a level of justice. Craig?

REPORTER: Given the urgency of the problem of violence and confidence in police, why is this task force's report not due until after the Primary? If there seems to be a political decision.

MRE: No, I beg to differ. First of all, I think you know the work, and I just said this to them. If they get it done earlier, great. That's the deadline I gave. If you're going to need an extension, they're going to have to say that. I try to make it, as I said to them, focused and go deep; these problems are real and systemic. And I don't want you to lose sight of anything. There is a real deadline, though, to get the material working.

REPORTER: Mayor, you've been in office for four and a half years. When you came into office, the CPD had a long history of police misconduct, excessive force. Why is it you have not acted on this issue until now, when a judge forced the release of the video and pushed your hand?

MRE: Well, I could beg to differ. But let me just go to two ways as an example. Three. We reinvigorated community policing. Second, as you know just a couple of months ago, we did an unprecedented agreement with the ACLU more than a couple of months ago which it was not under court order or a lawsuit. We brought in an agreement between the ACLU and the police department to look into how they handle cases. That's just two examples. And, in fact, a lot of the material that is out there is because of a level of transparency we brought to the data around the police department. And you can even go back to 2013, where I asked a former prosecutor to do a report on a series of issues as it relates to transparency and information. So, I don't accept that—that doesn't mean, as I said, you are right. There's a long history. We have made progress, and a lot of work still needs done.

REPORTER: You should have acted sooner.

REPORTER: What did Garry McCarthy do wrong?

MRE: Well, I think that—first of all, let me say this. I have a lot of support and confidence in the work and results that he's done. But our goal, as I would say to you, is to build the trust and confidence with the public. And, at this point and at this juncture for the city, given what we're working on, he has become an issue rather than dealing with the issue, and a distraction. Now, I support the results of his work. 33% reduction, Bill, over the last four and a half years in crime. But we must get to that confidence and trust to build what I think is necessary, towards a solution. Hold on, let me finish. Sorry. I have a lot of loyalty to what he's done and to him, but I have a bigger loyalty to the City of Chicago, it's future, and the strength of that future. And no one person trumps my commitment and my responsibility to the city of Chicago and its future. I thank him for his service, but we now need to make a move in both leadership, the commission. The body cameras are all but a piece in starting to build that trust and that confidence, and that's essential if we're going to bring the kind of safety we want to see in the City of Chicago. Carol?

REPORTER: What are you [inaudible] when you, as mayor, didn't even see that video for 13 months? In your own police department, just hours after the shooting happened, put out false information about it?

MRE: Well, first of all, [inaudible] I think my answer goes to the first part. One is that we have a practice, not unique to Chicago, is you don't do anything, when it relates to material evidence, to hamper, hinder, compromise, and investigation. I've asked the commission to look into this because there's a need for that information. I don't look at material in a criminal investigation. Any of them. And if I had looked at that video, your question would have is why do you get to see this video and nobody else does? I would see it when everyone does. I don't look at other evidence and I do want an update of a practice that clearly has got two principles in total conflict with each other. Mike?

REPORTER: Mr. Mayor, two things. The other night, when Reverend Jackson first talked about this, he complained that 75% of the murders in the city are not being solved or cleared in police departments. Second thing that he and members of the black caucus of City Council have said, they want to redo extensively the provisions in the collective bargaining agreement for the police union as it relates to these types of investigations.

Can you address those?

MRE: Well, on the second part, that is for the bargaining table. It's clear there are some challenges here. In this particular case, when the information was made available, Superintendent McCarthy took action, which was the Officer Van Dyke was stripped of his police authority. Once the charges came by the State's Attorney's Office, he was stripped of his pay. As it relates to how do you deal with that, there's two parts I would note in the commission that aren't in the collective bargaining, but are noteworthy. One, before you even get to this, how do you get an early warning system so that when an officer has repeated problems and complaints, that you can both interdict either on professional training or otherwise. And then, if it gets to a situation, we're going to have [inaudible] it's something that we're going to have to talk to and talk about at the bargaining table. On the clearance thing, there is a challenge here and one of the things is—and I want to speak to this. This is really more for the police department to do—but you have to have a level of trust where people come forward, as did happen in the Tyshawn Lee case. There are other cases that don't do that. That's not the only reason, but building that confidence and trust could also help let the police department do its job.

REPORTER: [inaudible] there was an early warning system. You had that report. Van Dyke was no longer [inaudible] there was a settlement of \$300,000. So, what's going to change this idea where you're going to crack down on corrupt cops and on the police department when it was already known?

MRE: I would say, if I could Ed, culture, yes. But that's not limited. If that's not clear, let me try again, okay? What I've asked the task force to do, see if the oversight and the accountability in the defensive system is vigorously need to be any changes. Two, what do we have in place or not have in place or is not effective as it relates to an early warning to officer that have repeated problems? And third, how do we deal with the transparency both to those cases, but also making information public? I would tell you the goal is not only the culture of the police department, yes, and doing changes are not enough, but they're part of changing that culture, having a leadership that dedicates itself to these goals is part of it. Third, I would not say that

just changing the culture, though that's part of it, building the trust and confidence is part of the goal.

REPORTER: Wasn't it clear from the get-go that this guy Van Dyke—you knew he was a problem?

MRE: No, well, that's why what you have here is a situation where you have to have the pieces in place because one of the problems we have is if you have an officer with repeated challenges, how do you interdict the changes that need to happen? That's what the commission's going to look into.

REPORTER: A couple of questions, Mayor. First, what are you looking for in a new Supt? Does it need to be an outsider? Does it need to be an African-American?

MRE: As you know how the process works, the police board makes a series of recommendations. So the police board will start their work in looking for a permanent leader to the police department, but John Escalante will step in. I want to have somebody that will meet the needs of the public safety, help obviously this issue of changing the culture and putting into place the building blocks to restore the trust that we want to see, and have a record of invigorating, not only professionalism, but the type of commitment that I want to see to make the changes necessary not only to lead a department, but to lead the changes in the department to get the results we want.

REPORTER: Do you have any responsibility in not driving the reforms in the police department until today?

MRE: Bill, I just answered this.

REPORTER: You said you've taken steps, but you're here today announcing this.

[Overlapping questions]

MRE: Let me try to answer all four of these. One, as I said in my remarks, I'm responsible. I don't shirk that responsibility. I have taken certain steps prior to this date, I'm taking steps today. As I told you, this is a work in progress. It's not the end of the problem, it's the beginning of the solution. I got you, Mary Ann, out of the corner of my eye. Okay, just let me just try to do this. So, I don't know. I could go back to page 10 and repeat the line to you. I said, upfront and before you even asked a question, I take responsibility and none of us are above it. Fran, to your question, the police—I'm not looking for a type. I'm looking for a professional that can lead the department and make sure that they have a robust record of bringing results of public safety in all areas.

REPORTER: Why did you call Patrick? He may have been born in Chicago, but he has not lived here for many years. You called him a Chicagoan. Most would not agree with you. He's actually from Massachusetts now. Why not have a Chicagoan lead this taskforce?

MRE: What a shock. Two things. One is he is from Chicago. But he is also a Chicagoan with a background as head of the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department. He is a former governor and he has a unique perspective. He is not leading it. As I said, he is an advisor to the commission. He is from Chicago, like all of the other five who will be doing the day in and day out work.

REPORTER: What about your trip to Paris? Are you still going to Paris? Who is going with you? Is it a taxpayer funded trip? And will you have security with you there who is also paid by taxpayers?

MRE: I haven't made a decision yet if I'm going to go.

REPORTER: You had planned to go and all week your staff has been saying you'll go. Are you changing your mind?

MRE: Well, obviously by the answer, it's a question I haven't answered yet because I have serious work here. I happen to think the mission of climate change is serious work. And I'll weigh the equities of doing that. I have yet to answer.

REPORTER: [inaudible] political considerations were a part of delaying the decision of the settlement, and the video wasn't released when you were running for reelection. Can you address those concerns, and does it speak to you being trusted with that decision?

MRE: Again, I said this in my remarks but I'll repeat it. I work at that every day and I have a lot of work. Some days are better in building the trust that we have as a city and as the mayor and the fidelity I have to the public that we're building a strong Chicago. I'm going to answer your first five questions, hold on. Second, the family came forward on February 27th, contacting the city. Within a short time, we reached a conclusion and within a short time it was taken to City Council. Even while the criminal investigation by the State's Attorney was still ongoing, and even while the US Attorney's office was investigating the civil rights and other parts of this investigation. We as a city reached that conclusion. As it relates to the video, I both ask the commission, and I want to repeat, I said for a long time that, upon the completion of the investigation, the video would be made public, which is exactly what happened four hours after the completion of the investigation. Two, is a common practice, not just in Chicago though we've had this practice for a long time, but across the country, that you don't release material that is essential to an investigation because it would compromise, taint or otherwise hinder that investigation. It is clear, based on this event, that the public's desire to know, which is essential, and the integrity of the investigation, you have two principles in conflict. I've asked the commission to update and ask some core questions, should we continue that practice of a default? Should it actually be the responsibility of not the city, but the investigatory committees. They'll ask a series of questions to update a protocol that nobody has updated in other cities across the country. They not only have that protocol, but are challenging core questions. We have to do it.

REPORTER: Mr. Mayor, how can you build trust and transparency when the tapes have been tampered with? Are we ever going to get the truth of what happened to the audio? What happened to the Burger King surveillance?

MRE: Let me make this point. There are three elements to here. There was a civil settlement, there was a criminal investigation that's now charges that were brought, there's an ongoing US Attorney and FBI investigation. Questions like the Burger King, the conduct at that point by the police department, other things the police department took afterwards, all that will be looked at by the Justice Department. So when you say that, I would just say there are three separate, distinct, parts. One was civil, one was criminal, one was civil rights and otherwise, and when they conclude, a lot of what you're asking—totally legitimate—they will have the answers to those questions.

REPORTER: Have you and your office become a distraction as well?

MRE: I'm responsible to the public to do the job of being a mayor, and you earn that trust every day.

REPORTER: You said that Mr. McCarthy had become a distraction. There are a lot of questions in this room about you and your office. Have you become a distraction as well?

MRE: Well, you'll make that judgment. I think I'm doing my job and try to do it every day professionally. Monica? What's the racial makeup? I think you have their pictures, but I'll run through it. Laurie Lightfoot is an African-American woman, and you know her background as a former prosecutor. Randolph Stone is African-American. There's also a Hispanic individual, there's Joe Ferguson, who is Caucasian. And then there is Hiram, who is also Hispanic.

REPORTER: There have been academics from the University of Chicago and Yale, there's been a federal judge who [inaudible] what are they studying? [inaudible] they don't get punished. When you talk about misconduct that is nonviolent. You're a guy who always just gets stuff done. Why not just make that stuff public the way you would, say, pass a budget or handle CPS?

MRE: Let me say, I respectfully disagree with the analogy in this sense, Mark. Passing a budget, or dealing with other things at CPS is not the same as both dealing with a set of protocols and culture and earning the trust and confidence of the public and the police department and the oversight, the accountability that exists in the police department. You are right at one level. There's a lot of work. As I've said before and I want to repeat, we are not unique in dealing with the issue of confidence and trust between communities of color and the city of Chicago and their police department. We do, like other cities such as New York, or Baltimore, or Ferguson, MO, or Minneapolis, or Cleveland, have also something unique to our city. Which is why the five people I have put together have worked for years on this. On this subject, and on this question, they will hit the ground running because they have years before, and addressing and giving us a blueprint that, in my view, could sustain the effort of bringing a sustained level of change to a systemic set of challenges that exist. And, so that's what their job is.

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Lisa Madigan
ATTORNEY GENERAL

December 1, 2015

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
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Dear Attorney General Lynch:

I write to respectfully request that the Department of Justice Civil Rights Division initiate a pattern and practice investigation into whether there are systemic violations of the Constitution or federal law by the Chicago Police Department ("CPD"), specifically, the CPD's use of force, including deadly force; the adequacy of CPD's review and investigation of officers' use of force and investigation of allegations of misconduct; the CPD's provision of training, equipment, and supervision to officers to allow them to do their job safely and effectively; as well as whether there is a pattern or practice of discriminatory policing.

Over the past week, the City of Chicago has once again been confronted with significant questions about the use of excessive force and accountability of the Chicago Police Department. On November 24, 2015, the City released a video taken from the dashboard camera of a CPD vehicle. The video, taken on October 20, 2014, shows 17-year-old Laquan McDonald being fatally shot by a CPD officer. The McDonald shooting is shocking, and it highlights serious questions about the historic, systemic use of unlawful and excessive force by Chicago police officers and the lack of accountability for such abuse by CPD.

The McDonald shooting is also not the only recent, troubling action by CPD officers. In the last five years, media reports have described the following incidents, among others:

- In October 2014, Detective George Hernandez shot and killed Ronald Johnson. Mr. Johnson's mother is suing Detective Hernandez and the City of Chicago in an effort to have the dash camera video of the shooting released. Her court filings state that her son was unarmed at the time of the shooting.
- In August 2014, former Commander Glenn Evans was charged with aggravated battery and official misconduct for allegedly sticking his gun into the mouth of a suspect. Despite being the subject of more excessive force complaints than any other CPD officer between 1988 and 2008, he had been promoted to the position of Commander in 2012.

- On December 22, 2013, Officer Marco Proano shot over 12 rounds into a car filled with unarmed teenagers, injuring three people. Although Officer Proano said he feared for his life and the life of the passengers in the vehicle, the dashboard camera video does not show any threats to Officer Proano or the passengers' lives. Officer Proano remains on the CPD while the Independent Police Review Authority continues to investigate this case.
- In March 2012, Officer Dante Servin shot an unarmed African-American woman, Rekia Boyd, while he was off duty. Officer Servin was found not guilty of involuntary manslaughter. On November 23, 2015, Chicago Police Supt. Garry McCarthy announced that he will move to terminate Officer Servin.
- In 2011, Officer Jerome Finnegan was convicted in federal court of seeking to have a fellow officer murdered. He was the subject of 68 citizen complaints during nearly two decades with the CPD, but none of the allegations resulted in disciplinary action. Along with other CPD officers, he put antlers on an African-American suspect in custody, held him down on the floor of a Chicago police station, and posed for a photo with the suspect. The photo, which was released publicly earlier this year, was taken sometime between 1999 and 2003.

While these incidents necessarily involve fact-specific inquiries, the pattern of conduct raises serious questions about practices that are incompatible with lawful and effective policing and have resulted in severe damage to the community's trust in the CPD. Addressing these problems and repairing the CPD's relationship with the community will require a fundamental redirection of Chicago's approach to law enforcement and accountability for police abuse.

The record of investigating police misconduct in Chicago raises additional troubling questions. In its investigation of nearly 400 police shootings since 2007, the Independent Police Review Authority (IPRA), it has found only one to be unjustified. Even if IPRA sustains a complaint, the Police Superintendent and the Police Board make the final decision on whether to discipline an officer. Data collected by the Citizens Police Data Project shows that from 2011 to 2015, 97% of more than 28,500 citizen complaints resulted in no officer being punished. The data also shows that over the past five years, white complainants were almost seven times more likely to have their police misconduct complaints sustained than African-Americans, even though African-Americans filed three times more complaints against police officers.

I write to you with urgency. Trust in the Chicago Police Department is broken, especially in communities of color in the City of Chicago. An investigation into whether there are patterns and practices of civil rights violations by CPD is vital to bringing about the systemic change that is necessary here. Chicago cannot move ahead without an outside, independent investigation into its police department that moves toward improved policing practices and increasing trust between the police and the community.

The Honorable Loretta Lynch
December 1, 2015
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The Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division is uniquely suited to conduct such an investigation, based on its experience in dozens of pattern or practice investigations in jurisdictions across the country, including in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Baltimore, Maryland, and Cleveland, Ohio. The Division's involvement with the prosecution of former CPD Commander Jon Burge following his use of torture to extract confessions from African Americans and other minorities who were in CPD's custody also gives the Division important context. In addition, DOJ's distance from the parties involved would give the review and investigation needed independence.

I know that the vast majority of officers who serve in the Chicago Police Department serve with bravery, honor, and integrity. They risk their lives to serve the public, and they deserve to work alongside fellow officers who are held to the same high standards. The children of Chicago deserve to grow up in a city in which they are safe, protected and served by a police force that is fit for this fine City – something that many in our community do not experience today.

I welcome an opportunity to discuss these issues and next steps with you in greater detail. My office is committed to assisting your investigation in whatever way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Madigan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lisa Madigan

cc: Vanita Gupta, Division Chief, Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice
Zachary Fardon, United States Attorney, Northern District of Illinois

From: Spector, Stephen
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Additional Q&A below in anticipation of tomorrow's chat. Let me know what you think. Happy to incorporate edits.

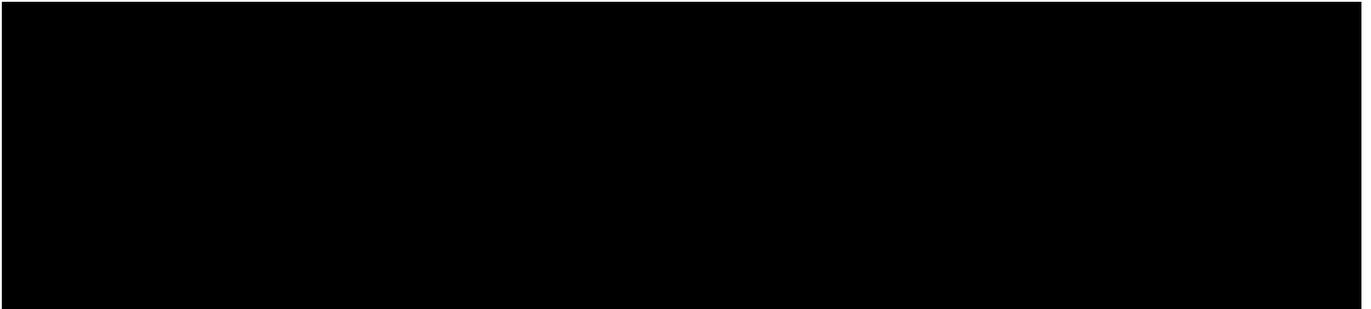
Can you walk us through the timeline that led to the decision to fire Garry McCarthy?



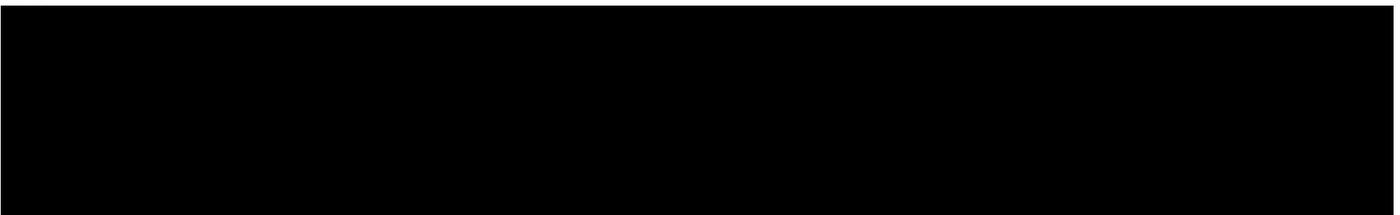
In reaction to the McCarthy's firing, many activists and leaders are saying that it was a step forward but that Anita Alvarez should also step down as well. Do you support those calls?



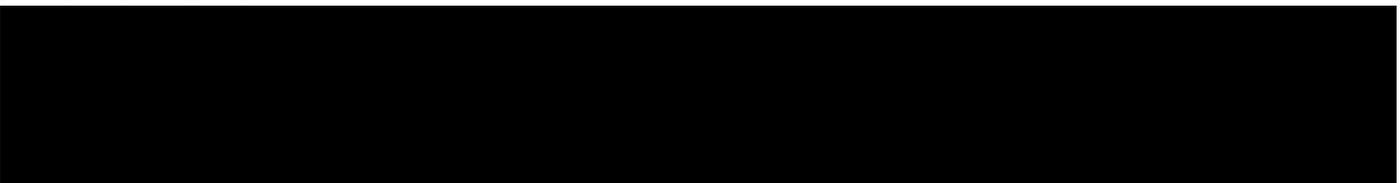
The Tribune wrote in an editorial that the move to fire McCarthy should not distract from the need for an independent review of the case. Will that happen?



What about continued calls for you to take more responsibility in what has happened?



Alderman have said that the new superintendent should reflect the majority-minority of the city. Can you tell us what you are looking for a new a new chief?



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The family of Ronald Johnson is now asking for the video from that shooting to be released. Will the city release it?

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From: Spector, Stephen
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I'm updating the Q&A's right now and will send them around as soon as they are ready for review.

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Adding Grant who is also going and updating the Q & A. I am not clear on how this program is being run. Are the questions screened?

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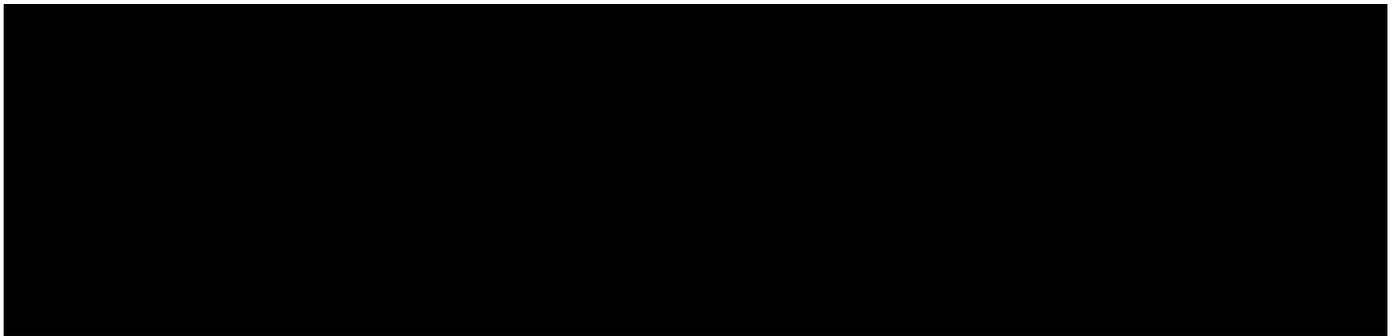
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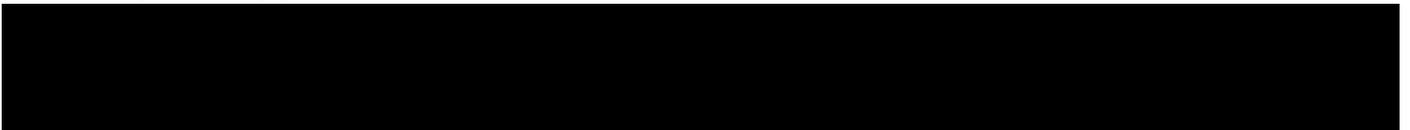
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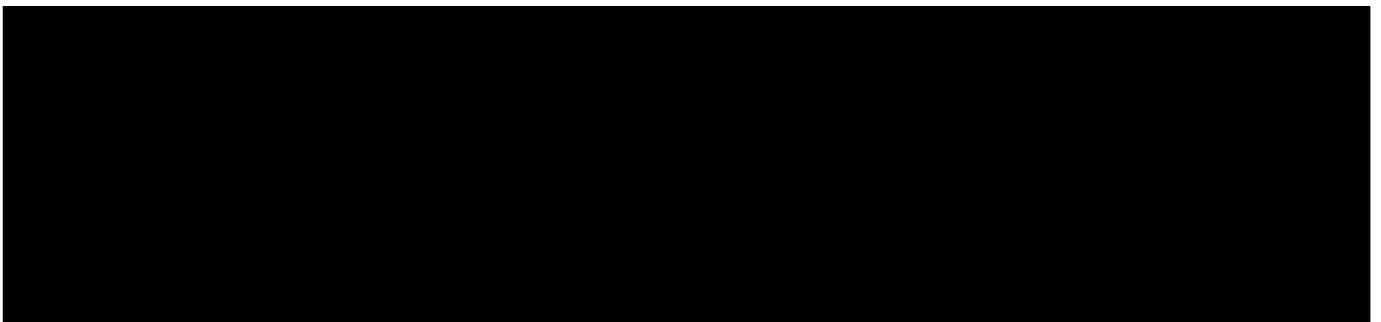
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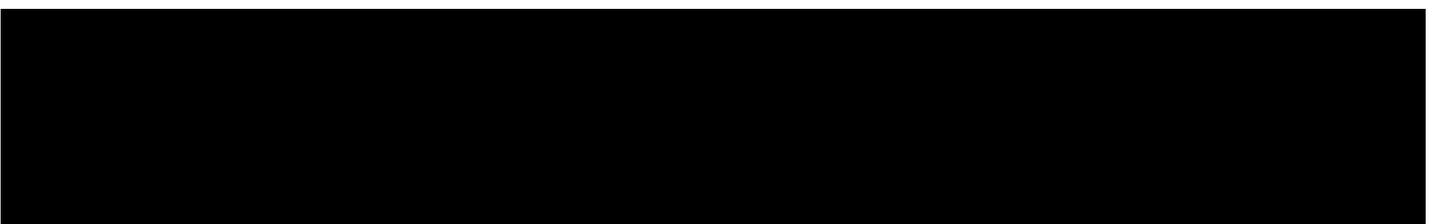
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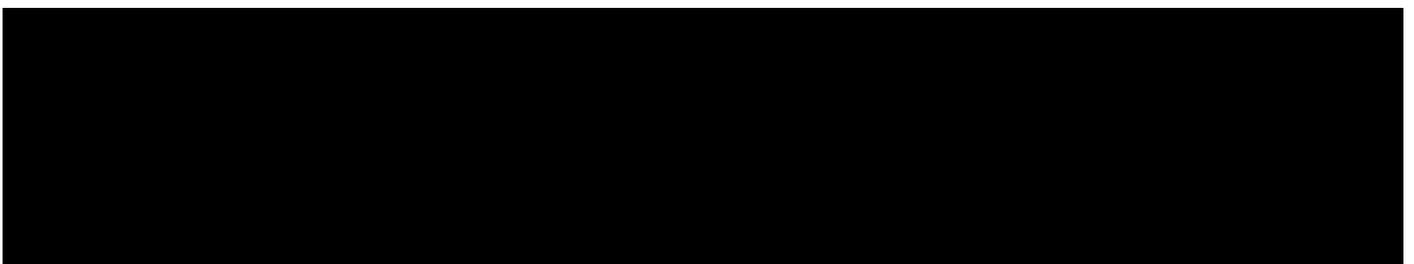
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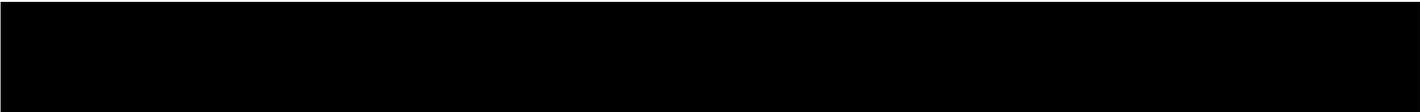
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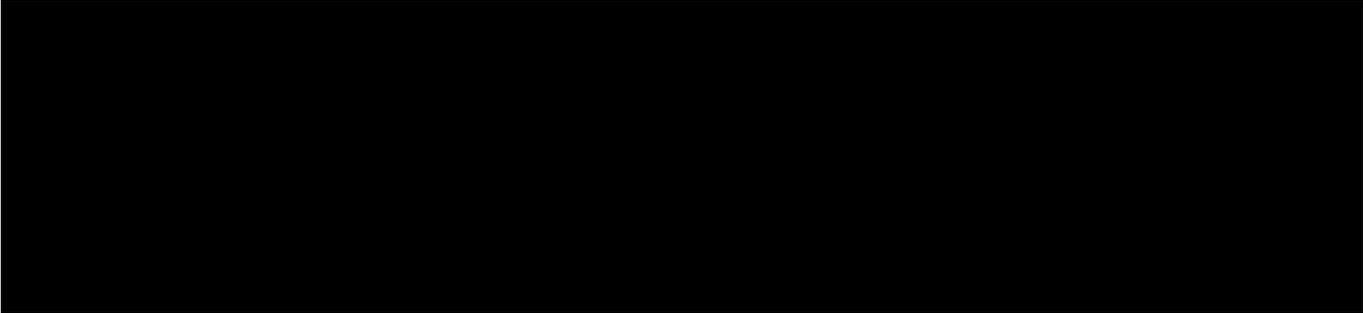




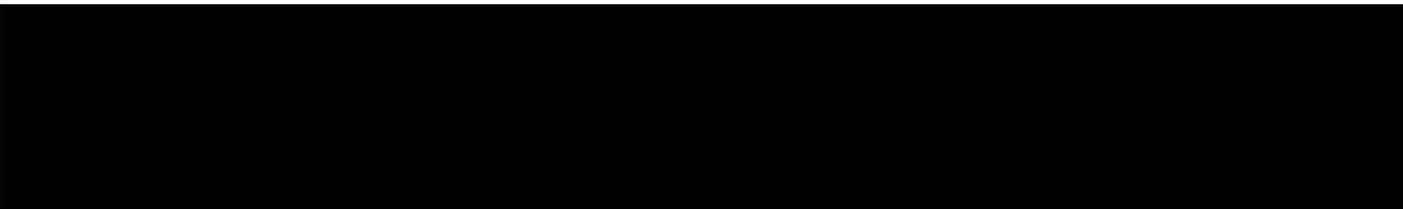
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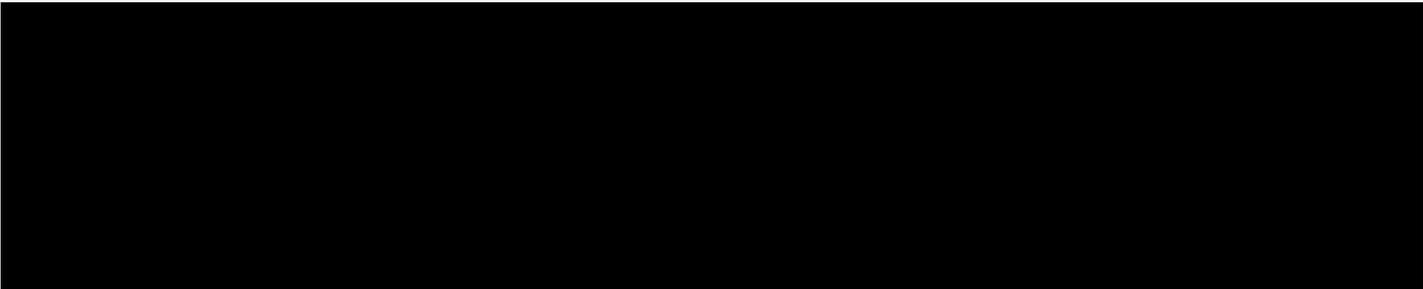
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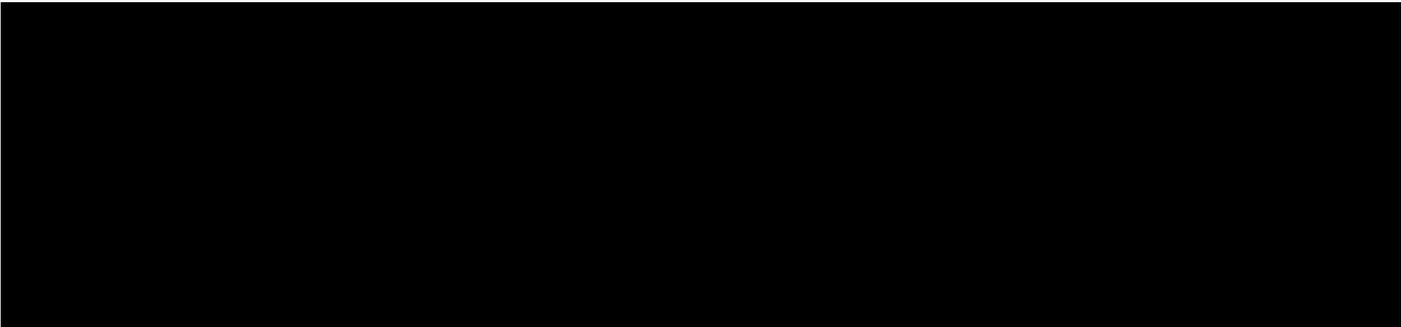
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