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Still Killing

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Perhaps you seen or heard about the beating and brutal killing of 37 year old Kelly Thomas? He was not all there mentally and was living on the streets when he was savagely beaten to death by police.

Perhaps you seen or heard the verdict of the trial of the two police officers who were charged NOT GUILTY. No...? well, it isn't surprising seeing how even after Rodney King, police are still beating and killing people. What's more revealing was that this was a white male and much need not be said how people of 'color' often find themselves facing bullets of killer cops.

A few weeks back I caught a brief news clip of a man wielding a hockey stick, in his boxers and clearly not in his right mind shouting at police officers. One wrong move cost this man his life. Odd that police could've used non lethal force; baton, mace even bean-bag guns to get the man to comply. No, that wasn't the case as trigger-happy cops are always ready to release a barrage of bullets at anything they perceive as a threat. How ironic then, that a while back during a high speed chase a elderly man was shot by a bean-bag gun in which case the officer was obviously trying to subdue him. Other officers however, took that as real gun fire and also shot the helpless elderly man. His crime... besides the pursuit running away from the police.

These shootings, a good percentage of the time, get shown live and if people saw cops

shooting any and everything, if they get pulled over than they'll want to run from them too! And justly so! There's numerous police killings, to much in fact, it's become an epidemic and vicious cycle that repeats itself every day.

How funny (not really) that high percentages of police killings happen in poor, gang and 'color' communities? So what does this say? What can be concluded seen how blacks and latinos are targeted for assassination by police? What does it say when now, the color of your skin isn't the only factor to determine if your a threat? If you are percieved as a 'thug' or undesirable your a threat.

People should take an interest in this phenomena as it happens to one and spreads to all.