

Hey Everyone,

it is April 7th and I was just watching the evening news as I always do and they had a story on it that made me shudder. A cop shot an unarmed black man(again). the man was stopped for a broken tail light and ran away from the officer. the officer caught up to the man and shot and killed him. the reason? the officer informed his superiors that the man had grab his taser and he feared for his life. The problem was unbeknownst to the officer the shooting was video taped and the person who videotaped the incident had just given the tape to the police. It showed the guy who was stopped running away from the officer and the officer shooting him like he was nothing more than an animal. They arrested the cop for murder because he lied about what happened. there is no way I see for him to get around the video. lets hope this sparks something bigger???or will it get swept under the rug. how many other times has this happened but the cop in question lied to save his own skin? how many more people have to die at the hands of the police and their word taken as gospel before we institute some type of policy that will change the culture of cops can do anything they want and get away with it because they wear a badge. I do not buy that the majority of cops are good. If it comes down to it and their job is on the line they will all lie to save themselves while blaming the criminal every time...how many more people have to die before police are made to wear at all times body camera's that they can not turn on and off when they choose? not all cops are renegades or BAD however, there is a reason they say absolute power corrupts absolutely.

Thankfully someone was videotaping this or it would just be another white (good) officer shooting a (bad) blackman who had tried to take his weapon. I really had thought the world had learned something from Ferguson and the many other teaching moments that have been in the news lately. I guess i was wrong to be so hopeful. This has left me with a dis-ease in my heart I can no longer be the optimist, i can no longer look on the bright side, is it racism? is it a power trip? is it an ego thing?How dare you run from me???? lot's of questions no answer's! it seems as though thats all there is are questions lately, questions and lies...who is being honest and who isnt????

I don't know what kind of conversation this will bring in the coming weeks but I hope it will be plastered across every news outlet there is and that the conversation does not stop until there is a REAL solution to this growing epidemic, and it is that.

my prayers go out to this mans family and to all of those families who have suffered from the same thing.

there is such a need for compassion and understanding in this world that it is sometimes overwhelming. I ask everyone who is reading this to make a effort to do one thing everyday to show some kindness, compassion and understanding to someone, anyone, it doesn't have to be anything major, smile at someone, give a dollar to the homeless guy on the street, anything...it has to start somewhere right. something that seems small and insignificant to you may seem huge to someone else. when you ask someone 'how are you?' take the time to really listen to how they are? if your reading a post from an Inmate on this site, take 15 minutes and write them a letter. call someone and tell them you love them...they might be the next one to be stopped by one of these gun totting, trigger happy, police officer's that are just serving their community...

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