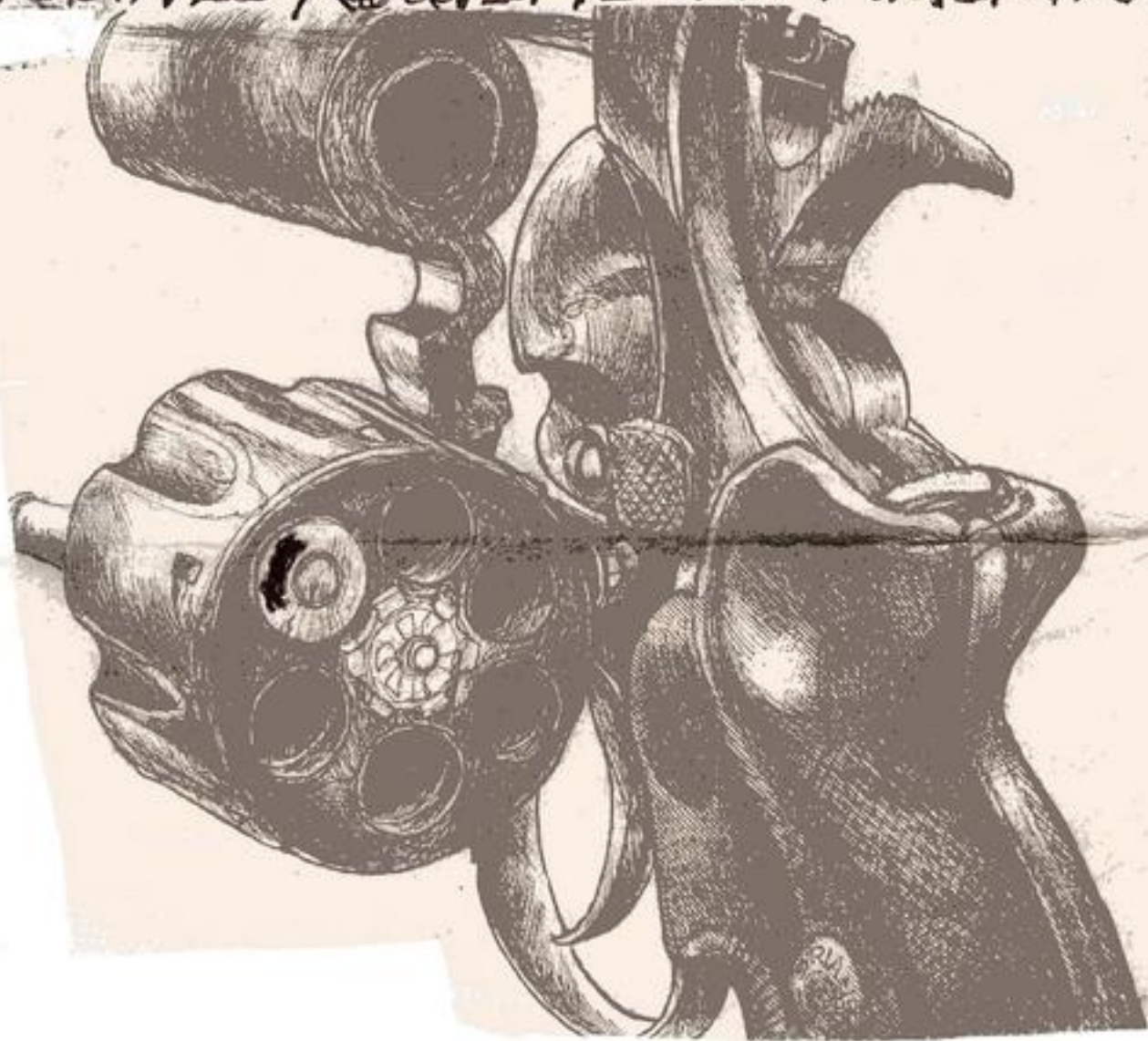


THE NEWEST
BLACK LIVES ROULETTE IN AMERIKA



The deadly game of "Black Lives Roulette In Amerika" has just taken on a sinister twist here in the Lone Star State, where January 01, 2016, not only signaled the start of a new year; but it also brought into existence the "Open Carry" era in Texas which allows people with concealed handgun permits - which whites make up the majority - to carry their weapons outside their clothes. Now the "Stand Your Ground" law - often called the "Castle Doctrine" -

has company, and the floodgates for an increase in the number of unarmed (and innocent) black and brown children, women, and men being murdered, maimed and terrorized has opened.

From new years ~~day~~ ^{day} forth, leaving the comforts of your home in Texas to go "ANYWHERE", is tantamount to playing Russian Roulette with your life. This is especially true for the state's people of color, who are already the daily targets of racist vigilante attacks, like the February 26, 2012, murder of Trayvon Martin by George Zimmerman in Sanford, Florida. And the daily terror and violent encounters across the U.S. at the hands of militarized police, has left countless black, brown, and other oppressed people dead or maimed physically as well as psychologically. All of these factors provide legitimate reasons for the rising concerns about negative implications the new open carry law poses to the people of color throughout Texas. One article I read in Houston's black owned Forward Times

NEWSPAPER ASKED THE QUESTION, "WILL BLACK PEOPLE RECEIVE THE SAME LEVEL OF RESPECT AND CONSIDERATION WHEN IT COMES TO THE APPLICATION OF THIS NEW LAW AS NON-BLACK PEOPLE WILL?" NOW THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION DOESN'T REQUIRE A MASTERS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE. ITS NO!!!

WE ALREADY HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH EVIDENCE FROM THE OVERWHELMINGLY BIAS AND INCONSISTENT APPLICATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF THE "STAND YOUR GROUND" LAWS AROUND THE COUNTRY, AND RIGHT HERE IN OUR BACKYARD. JUST ASK CRYSTAL SCOTT, A BLACK WOMAN, WHO SHOT AND KILLED JONATHAN ABLES, A WHITE MAN, IN SEPTEMBER 2012, IN AN ACT OF SELF-DEFENSE DURING A "ROAD RAGE" INCIDENT. ABLES FOLLOWED SCOTT INTO A HOUSTON GAS STATION AFTER A MINOR TRAFFIC ACCIDENT. SCOTT SAID THAT ABLES BEGAN BANGING ON HER CAR AND TRYING TO OPEN THE DOOR.

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Scott said she feared for her life, and so in accordance with the law, she shot Able who thereafter died. Under the "Stand Your Ground" law, it states that force is "presumed reasonable" if an individual attempts to unlawfully enter or remove you from your vehicle. Nevertheless, Scott was indicted by a grand jury. Whereas in March 2012, Johnathon Darling, a white man, placed Tate Weldon, a black man, in a chokehold after a traffic accident. Both men are said to have stepped out of their vehicles on a Houston feeder road, yet Darling claims that Weldon threw the first punch and all he was trying to do was subdue Weldon until the police arrived. Weldon was transported to a local hospital where he died. And guess what? Yeah, the grand jury declined to indict Darling although he suffered no injuries and did not have to go to the hospital. There are other examples but I trust my point has been made.

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The new Open Carry law, like all the other laws on the books here in TEXAS (with its Jim Crow two-tiered court system) will MEAN whatever the grand juries and judges and prosecutors WANT it to MEAN, for whenever they want it to mean something, whenever they want and says it means something. Nothing more and nothing less!! And for those of us from the Black, Brown, and other oppressed communities, be mindful that the laws interpretation and application shall be dependent solely upon the persons involved and the decision makers subjective feelings.

With that having been said, please be wise and be safe whenever you leave home, since doing so may mean the difference in whether you return home to your loved ones; given the potential encounters you may have in one day with people exercising their legal and constitutional rights to open carry.

SOURCES FOR OPEN CARRY INFORMATION:

- (a) http://www.houston.tx.gov/police/open_carry/index.htm
- (b) http://www.dallascounty.org/open_carry/index.html
- (c) TEXAS HOUSE BILL (HB 910)
- (d) TEXAS SENATE BILLS (SB 11); AND (SB 273)

SEE ALSO:

- (a) Killed By Police.net
- (b) <http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/jun/01/black-americans-killed-by-police-analysis>
- (c) Mapping Police Violence.com

Never forget

BLACK WOMEN'S LIVES MATTER

Aiyana Stanley Jones (7 yrs. old)
Sandra Bland (28 yrs. old), Kindra Chapman (18 yrs. old),
Stephanie Walker (17 yrs. old), Renisha McBride (19 yrs. old),
Jeanae Lee (26 yrs. old), Andrea Powell (21 yrs. old)
Berniece Jones (22 yrs. old), Donna Brown (15 yrs. old)
Ratikina Jones (37 yrs. old) and Rekia Boyd (20 yrs. old)

THESE ARE BUT A HANDFUL OF THE NAMES OF THE

innocent Black females who have lost their lives as a direct consequence of the repressive containment policies and practices of law enforcement agencies around the country.

As the fundamental contradictions of the U.S. capitalist system continues to expose itself to the oppressed colonies inside this country - the Black, Indigenous, Hispanic, and Asian people - state terror has increased to try and head off an inevitable 60's-like social explosion. Because our courageous Black women have historically played a major role in our liberation struggles dating back to the Europeans conquest of most of Africa, those in power realizing this have set in motion certain schemes to eliminate our womens potential for resistance.

The ruthlessness of this scheme by the ruling class and its agents in "Blue" is readily apparent from all the violent encounters we hear about or have seen video clips of, on almost daily basis. Our Black mothers, sisters, daughters, wives, grandmothers, aunts deserve better. But they wont receive better until those in power are shown that we Black men shall defend our women by any means necessary.

RACE: WHATS REALLY THE POINT OF THIS MOVIE?

I've asked myself several times over
whats the point of this movie? The
timing of this movie's release couldn't of
been worse. There is a growing discussion
about the racist implications of this years
Oscar nominations! A young Black NFL
quarterback named Cam Newton is under
attack as he heads to Superbowl 50 for
staying true to what and who he is. And
the Black communities around the country
are still under seige as the militarized
police's counter-insurgency intensifies, thus resulting
in more innocent men, women and children
being brutalized and murdered with impunity. So
I am asking those of you reading this to tell me
your thoughts on whats really the point of this movie.