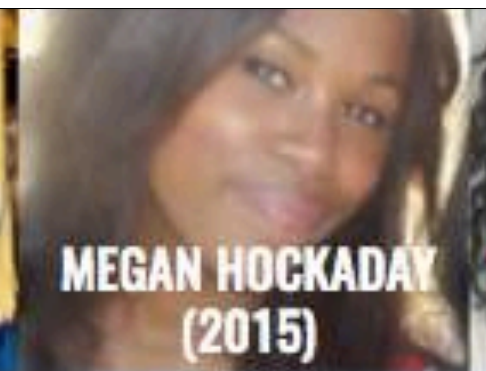




# #SAYHERNAME

RESISTING POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST BLACK WOMEN

A SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE





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NATIONAL CONVERSATION ABOUT RACIAL PROFILING,  
POLICE BRUTALITY, AND LETHAL FORCE.



# SAY HER NAME | BACKGROUND

Elevating the Crisis of Police Violence Facing

## BLACK WOMEN

Although Black women are routinely killed, raped and beaten by the police, their experiences are rarely foregrounded in popular understandings of police brutality. Yet, inclusion of Black women's experiences is critical to effectively combating racialized state violence for Black communities and other communities of color.

Say Her Name, a recently released brief from the African American Policy Forum and Andrea J. Ritchie gathers stories of Black women who have been killed by police and who have experienced gender-specific forms of police violence, provides some analytical frames for understanding their experiences, and broadens dominant conceptions of who experiences state violence and what it looks like.

Say Her Name begins to shine a light on the ways that Black women are policed in ways that are similar to other members of our communities - whether it's police killings, "stop and frisk," "broken windows policing," or the "war on drugs." It also pushes open the frame to include other forms and contexts of police violence - such as sexual assault by police, police abuse of pregnant women, profiling and abusive treatment of lesbian, bisexual, transgender and gender nonconforming Black women, and police brutality in the context of responses to violence - which bring Black women's experiences into even sharper focus."

Together, we will push back on the myth that Black women are are not also at risk and reject the notion that their strength and resilience means the challenges they face do not need to be prioritized in our communities.





# SAY HER NAME | LEVERAGING SOCIAL MEDIA

The #BlackLivesMatter movement has shown that social media can be a powerful rallying force for social movements. Activists are now able to document injustices, spread information and mobilize the public in real time. As we strive for the inclusion of Black women in our efforts to combat anti-Black police violence, it is critical to continue building on the social media impetus generated by the resurgent racial justice movement. The fact that #SayHerName was the second most popular hashtag in New York on the day of May 20 vigil shows that social media activists are hungry to engender the movement. It is up to each of us to make that happen!

Support this effort by engaging with #SayHerName content and creating your own! Post these tweets and images and help build the movement to center Black women's lives in racial justice organizing.





# SAY HER NAME | TWEETS AND IMAGES

- 1 New rept: [bit.ly/sayhernamebrief](http://bit.ly/sayhernamebrief) Racial disparities in #StopandFrisk same for Black women as for Black men. #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter
- 2 Black women are victims of police violence too. Let's center all lives equally in our movement to combat police violence. #SayHerName
- 3 State violence killed 313 Black people in 2012, men AND women. So why does police violence discourse only include men? #HerDreamDeferred
- 4 It's time 2 expand the frame - sex'l assault 2nd most reported form of police misconduct #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter
- 5 The number of female arrests has increased by over 800 percent from 1977-2007. Black women are targets of the state too. #HerDreamDeferred
- 6 Black women are shackled while giving birth in NY prisons. This is state violence. #HerDreamDeferred
- 7 Black women still casualties of #warondrugs #SayHerName #FrankiePerkins #KathrynJohnson #DanetteDaniels #AlbertaSpruill #BlackWomenMatter





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8 Black women killed #DrivingWhileBlack #SayHerName #ShantelDavis #MyaHall #KendraJames #LaTanyaHaggerty #BlackWomenMatter

9 Policing poverty deadly 4 Black women #SayHerName #EleanorBumpurs #MargaretMitchell #ShellyFrey #YvetteHenderson #BlackWomenMatter

10 Black women in crisis met with deadly force #SayHerName #KaylaMoore #TanishaAnderson #ShereeseFrancis #MichelleCusseaux #BlackWomenMatter

11 Black women denied help, left to die police custody #SayHerName #KyamLivingston #ShenequeProctor #BlackWomenMatter

12 Black women are not just "collateral damage" #SayHerName #RekiaBoyd #AiyannaJones #TarikaWilson #BlackWomenMatter

13 Police response 2 violence can turn deadly 4 Black women #SayHerName #AuraRosser #JanishaFonville #NewJersey4 #YvetteSmith #BlackWomenMatter

14 Black women still casualties of #warondrugs #SayHerName #FrankiePerkins #KathrynJohnson #DanetteDaniels #AlbertaSpruill #BlackWomenMatter



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- 15 Policing gender = police violence vs Black Trans Women #SayHerName #DuannaJohnson #NizahMorris #IslanNettles #BlackWomenMatter
- 16 @TransEquality: 38% Black trans ppl interact w/ police rept harassment, 14% assault, 6% sex'l assault. #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter
- 17 Policing gender/sexuality = police physical & sex'l assault of Black lesbians, bisexual women & trans women #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter
- 18 Policing prostitution = racial profiling of Black women, #condomsasevidence, police sexual assault #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter
- 19 Profiling Black mothers & violence vs. pregnant women #SayHerName #RosannMiller #SonjiTaylor #MalaikaBrooks #DeniseStewart #Blackwomenmatter
- 20 To fully understand & fight state violence vs Black communities we must #SayHerName #Blackwomenmatter [bit.ly/sayhernamebrief](https://bit.ly/sayhernamebrief)
- 21 Black women have led our movements to fight police violence - we owe it to them to #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter





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**22** Black women have led our movements to fight police violence - we owe it to them to #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter

**23** Black moms & grandmas r @ center of our mvts & experience police violence2 #SayHerName #ConstanceGraham #PatriciaHartley #BlackwomenMatter

**24** If #AllBlackLivesMatter #Blackwomenmatter! #SayHerName [bit.ly]

**25** Looking for a resource for National Day of Action for Black Women and Girls? #SayHerName bit.ly/sayhernamebrief #BlackWomenMatter

**26** 5 demands 4 Black women: 1) #ERPA 2) sex'l assault policies 3) ban gender searches4) #nocondomsasevidence 5) #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter

**27** Black women have led our movements to fight police violence - we owe it to them to #SayHerName #BlackWomenMatter





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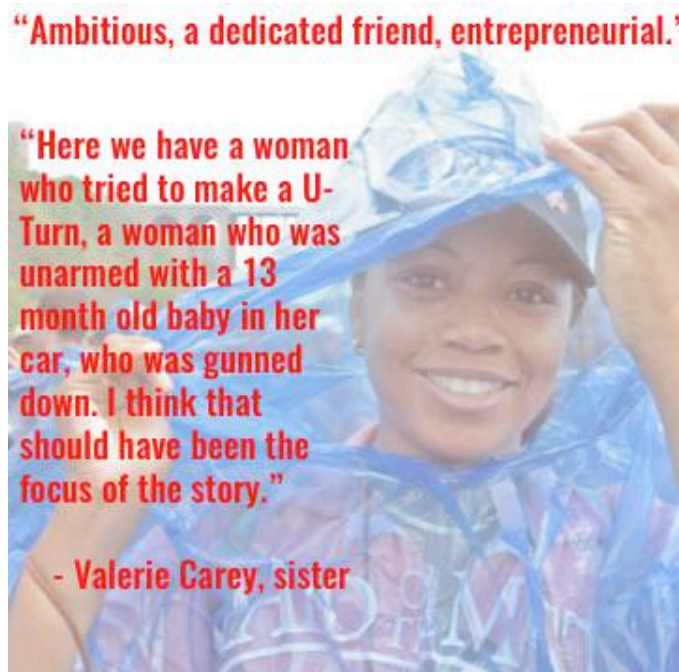


## #SAYHERNAME **SHELLY FREY**

Killed by an off-duty sheriff and Houston area minister on December 6, 2012

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JOIN US IN SAYING SHELLY'S NAME.**

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## #SAYHERNAME **MIRIAM CAREY**

Killed by Federal agents on October 3, 2013 while with her 1-year old baby

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## #SAYHERNAME **KAYLA MOORE**

Killed by Berkeley police on February 12, 2013

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# SAY HER NAME | TWEETS AND IMAGES



"A mama's girl, affectionate, forgiving."

"What did the police officer see when he pried open the door? A Black woman? A lesbian? He said it was just a look on her face. What face would you have on if the police broke into your house?"

- Fran Garrett, mother

#SAYHERNAME  
**MICHELLE CUSSEAU**

Killed by Phoenix Police on August 13, 2014

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"Aspiring journalist, center of attention, devoted mother"

"She didn't care about receiving much but loved to give, give, give and make everybody happy."

- Cassandra Johnson, mother

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**TANISHA ANDERSON**

Killed by Cleveland Police on November 13, 2014 after they slammed her head against the concrete sidewalk

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**ALBERTA SPRUIL**

Died of a heart on May 16, 2003 attack after the police broke down her door and threw a concussion grenade into her apartment.

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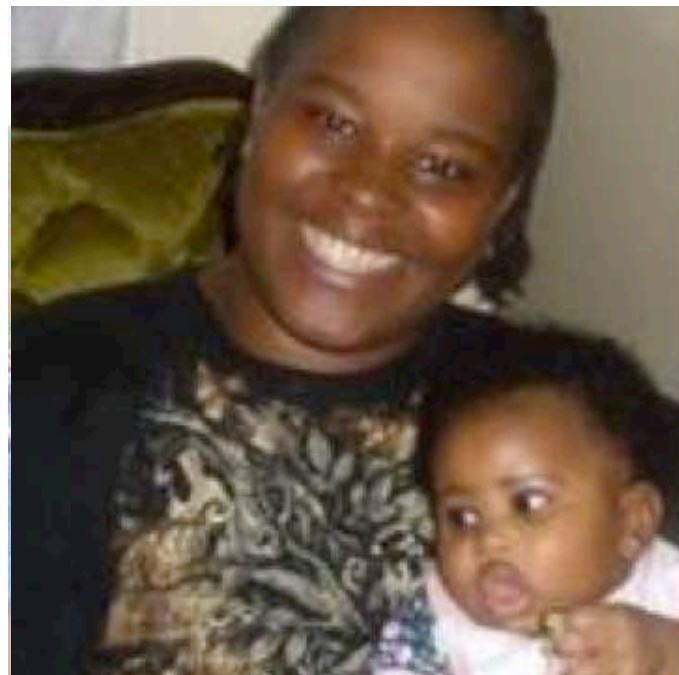


## #SAYHERNAME **REKIA BOYD**

Killed by off duty Chicago Police Officer  
Daniel Servin on March 21, 2012

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## #SAYHERNAME **SHANTEL DAVIS**

Killed by a plainclothes detective while  
unarmed in East Flatbush, Brooklyn

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## #SAYHERNAME **KYAM LIVINGSTON**

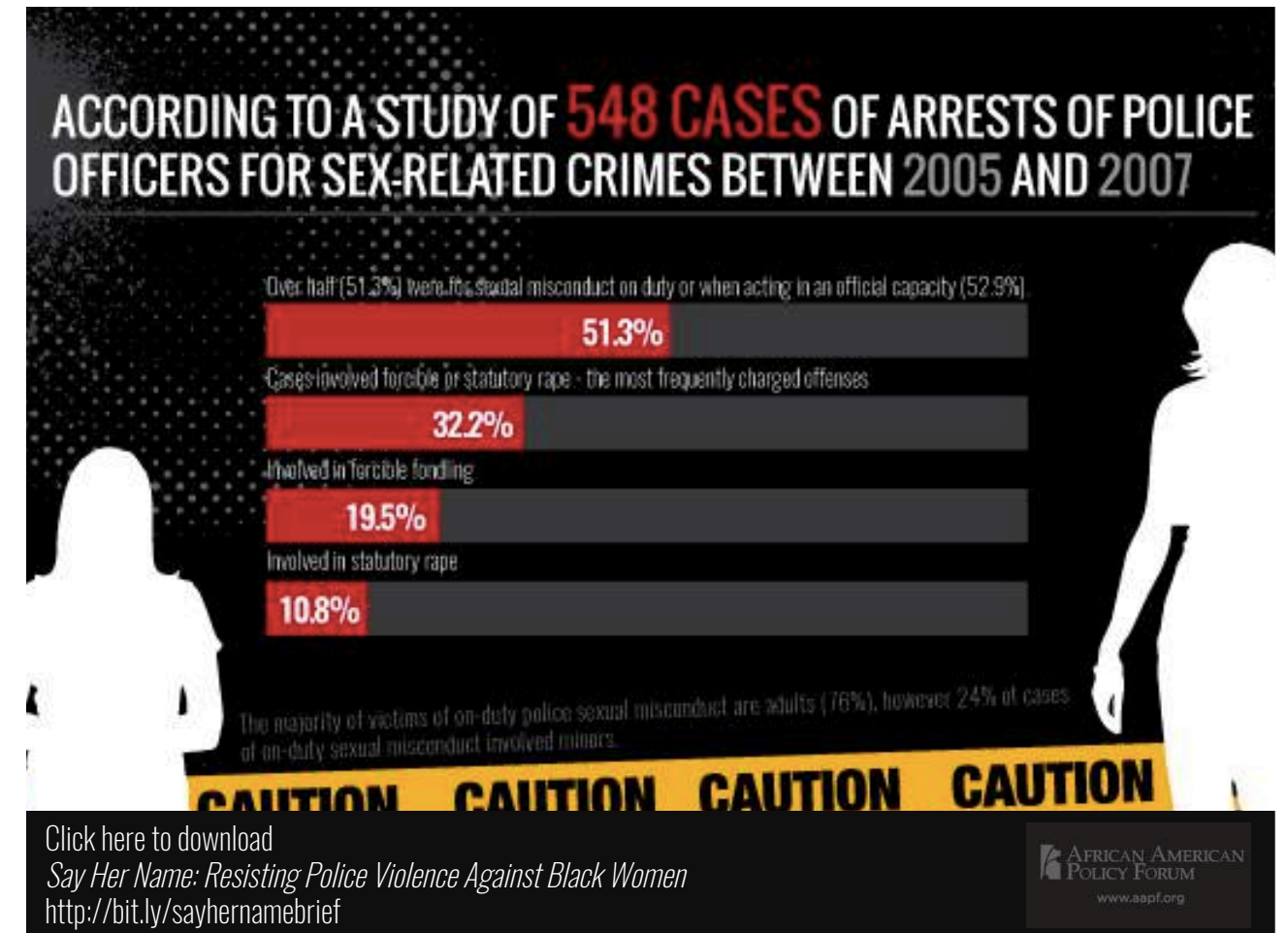
Died on July 24, 2013 from a seizure after  
NYPD officers left her in a holding cell. She was  
arrested for fighting with her grandmother.

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African American Policy Forum (AAPF), along with the Center for Intersectionality and Social Policy Studies at Columbia Law School (CISPS), provides information and organizes initiatives to raise awareness about the state of women and girls of color and inequality at the intersections of race, gender and class.

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