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1. Introduction

On Saturday, May 7th, 2005, Officer Robert Lawlor, a member of the Hartford, Connecticut Police Department, was involved in a case, in which he used deadly force (Brody, 2007). Officer Lawlor shot both 21 year old Brandon Henry and 18 year of Jashon Bryant. Brandon henry was shot in the chest, but survived. However, Jashon Bryant was fatally shot twice in the top of the head.

2. Perspectives

(1) Family member of victim

In the aftermath of the shooting of Jashon Bryant and Brandon Henry, Officer Robert Lawlor was arrested for manslaughter and assault (Cain, 2012). After the arrest Keith Thomas, father of Bryant, stated, "We're in it for the long haul." He also made it clear that he was going to be there every step of that way saying, "Whatever court Lawlor is in, I'm going to be there." Thomas stated that the arrest offers "small comfort" to the family; however, he stated that Lawlor's bail of \$50,000 was "ridiculously low" for someone facing manslaughter and assault charges. . . .

(2) Police officers

Almost a year after the shooting, both Officer Lawlor and Special agent Prather testified before a grand jury. Special Agent Dan Prather testified before Officer testified before Officer Lawlor on January 10th, 2006, in which he gave his perspective on what happened on the day of the shooting, which resulted in the death of Jashon Bryant (Neurology, n.d.). He said that while speaking to the unidentified white male a t the corner of Main and Nelson Street, he saw Lawlor signal toward the parking lot across Main Street and then begin crossing the street. . .

(3) Citizen in the neighborhood

Ten years after the shooting of Jashon Bryant, a rally was held by the Hartford community to mark the 10th anniversary of the incident. In response to the incident that left Bryant's family, and the Hartford community scarred, Reverend Sam Saylor stated, "That's 13 stitches at the hands of police, pushed through a window," as he showed his scars on his left wrist. He says ministers and community leaders rallied on the front steps of City Hall on Thursday to let the community know scars heal over the old wounds, stating "If I can heal and see the hope in our police department, then a scar is alright, it reminds us where we used to be."

(4) Spokesperson/expert with a political agenda

Determined to prevent future incidents, like Bryant's, that are due to excessive use of force in Connecticut, the legislature passed Senate Bill 7103, which is the Excessive Use of Force and Body Camera Bill, in late June of 2015 (Kim, Wells, Vardalis, Jonshon, & Lim, 2015). The purpose of the bill is to create more diversity in police departments and put in practices made to guarantee accountability and community trust. . .

3. Implications

In order to change and fix the issues in police practice of use of excessive force, police department should . . . Politicians should . . . Citizens should do . . . and so on.

4. Conclusion

Jashon Bryant's death stems from a problem that police officers have faced for almost two decades, starting around the 90s era. The problem is the use of excessive force, in which police exercise unreasonable or excessive force (Schwartz, 1993). So far, from the increasing media coverage of stories, like Bryant's. . .

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