

*Do you feel it important to remember the continuing violence against people of color?*

*Do you want to honor a person of color killed with race as a likely factor.*

*Is there a person of color who's death touched your heart?*

### **How to make a Dragon-Line**

Get pieces of foam core or cardboard. Its nice if they are about the same size. We cut a 20" by 30" piece of foam core in half but you can do whatever works for you.

Print out the material you want, including any headings, and paste it on the panels. Or you can hand write or add designs of your choice.

There is no "right" or "wrong" way — follow your light.

Make it your own!

~Make a head and tail, attach them to a Clothesline with clothespins. Dragons can be displayed almost anywhere.

# **DRAGON LINE PROJECT**

**Bearing Witness  
To Violence  
Against People  
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# Lives Cut Short.

*What was lost:*

To future generations?

To present generations?

To the hopes and dreams  
of past generations?

**Say Her Name**

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## Freddie Gray (25) 2015

**From Baltimore, MD**

- had a twin sister Frederica and another sister Carolina
- so funny
- “anytime you're looking for a laugh, you're going straight to Freddie”
- loved football
- wanted to play tight-end but was too small
- took girlfriend’s child to school every morning

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## Alton Sterling (37) 2016

**To Baton Rouge, LA**

- father of five children
- loved to cook
- worked as a CD vendor
- “whenever he cooked, he cooked enough for everyone”



# Jeffrey Pendleton (26)

2016



- died in police custody being too poor to pay \$100 bail
- part of the fight for \$15, standing with fast food workers
- working with the ACLU, he won several legal battles over the criminalization of the poor
- sister said "we always knew Jeffrey was a gentle soul; he was kind and gracious even when the world around him was not."

**From Manchester, NH**

# Walter Scott (50)

2015



**To N. Charleston, SC**

- father of four
- served in the Coast Guard
- a forklift operator
- studied massage therapy
- "he was outgoing and loved everyone"

# Sean Bell (23)

2006

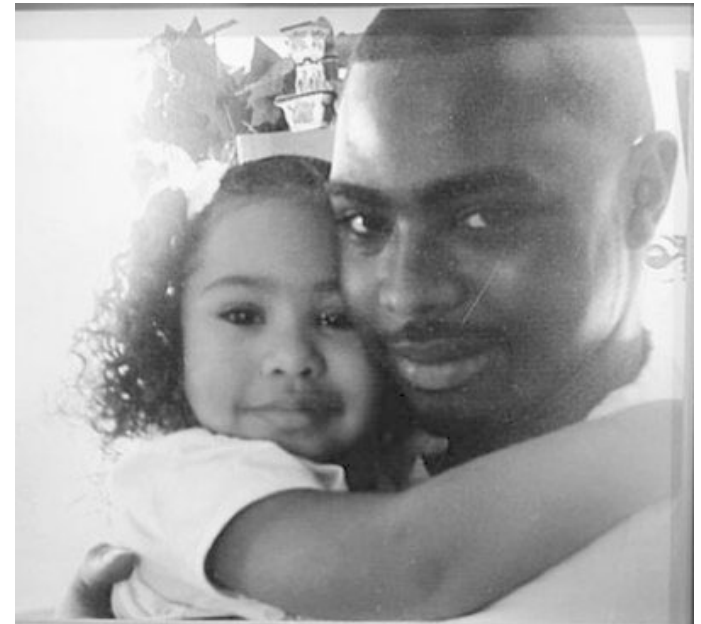


- about to be married
- father of a four-year-old daughter
- studying to be an electrician
- star high school basketball player
- pitcher on the baseball team for John Adams High School

**From New York, NY**

# Oscar Grant III (22)

2009



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**To Oakland, CA**

- loved being with his four-year-old daughter and her mother
- promised to take her to Chuck E. Cheese the next day
- worked as a meat cutter at Farmer Joe's Marketplace
- an aspiring barber

# Jamar Clark (24)

## 2015



- adopted at age 4
- employed at Copeland Trucking
- hoped to attend college
- liked to swim and fish
- nicknamed “dizzy”

**From Minneapolis, MN**

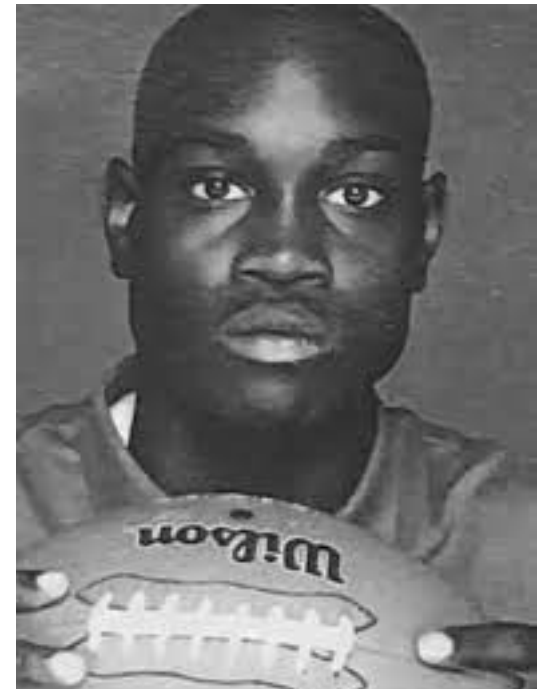
# Ahmaud "Quez" Arbery (25)

## 2020

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**To Brunswick, GA**

- graduated from Brunswick High School in 2012
- pursued a career as an electrician
- humble, kind and well mannered
- had a smile that would light up a room
- loved telling jokes, jogging, basketball, and football





# Lashano Gilbert (31)

2014



- died in police custody
- was a medical student
- originally from the Bahamas
- fluent in multiple languages
- health complicated by sickle cell hemoglobinopathy

**From New London, CT**

# George P. Floyd (46)

2020

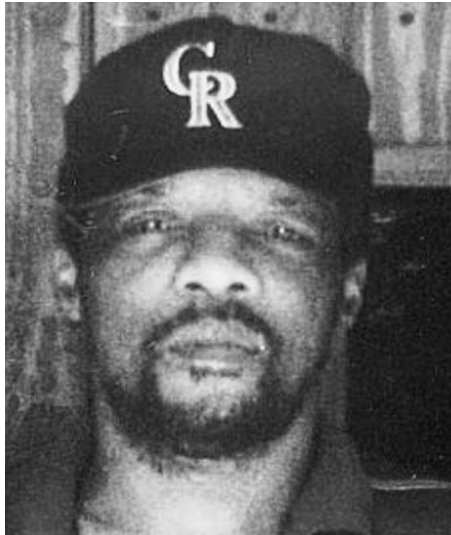
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- worked security at Conga Latin Bistro until the COVID-19 stay-at-home order
  - father of two daughters, aged 6 and 22 at time of death
  - “Floyd was known in the community as a protector and a provider who didn't have a hateful bone in his body”
  - “He stood up for people, he was there for people when they were down”

**To Minneapolis, MN**



# James Byrd Jr (49)

1998



- graduated high school in last segregated class
- father of three
- outgoing and friendly
- disabled with a seizure disorder
- attacked walking home from a friend's anniversary dinner
- had a beautiful singing voice
- strolled around town, singing

**From Jasper, TX**

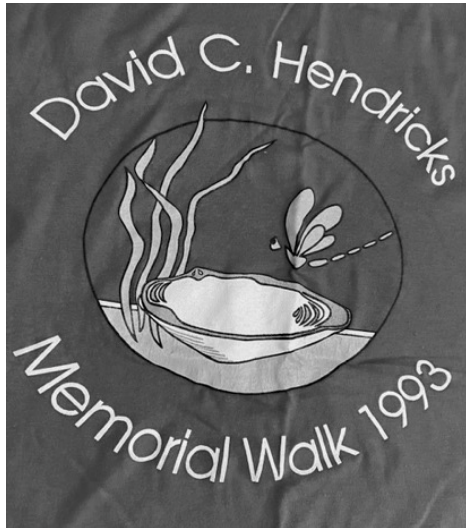
# Trayvon Martin (17)

2012



- high school student who liked math
- aspiring airline mechanic and pilot
- studied aviation assembly at tech college
- loved rollerskating, funny movies
- interested in horseback riding
- flying lessons inspired by his uncle
- participated in seven-week-experience aviation programs run by Barrington Irving, the first black pilot to fly solo around the globe

**To Sanford, FL**



## David C. Hendricks (27) 1988

- father of an eight-year-old son
- Mashpee Wampanoag
- respected his elders
- Loved by tribal members and family
- shell fisherman
- never rowdy

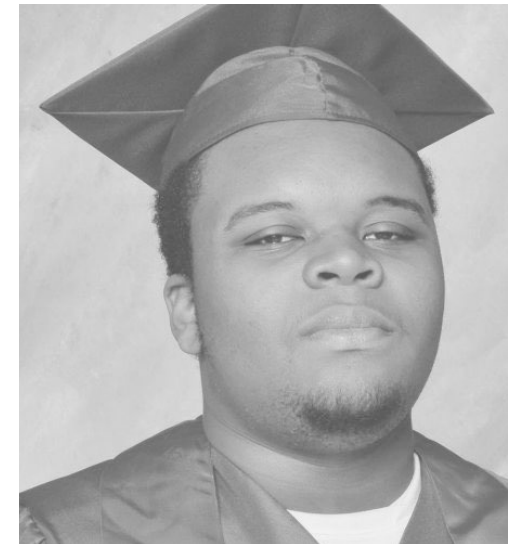
**From Mashpee, MA**

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## Michael Brown (18) 2014

**To Ferguson, MO**

- kind-hearted
- a little kid in a big body
- quiet, funny
- loved music
- two days away from starting college
- aspiring HVAC technician





## **Philando Castile (32)** **2016**

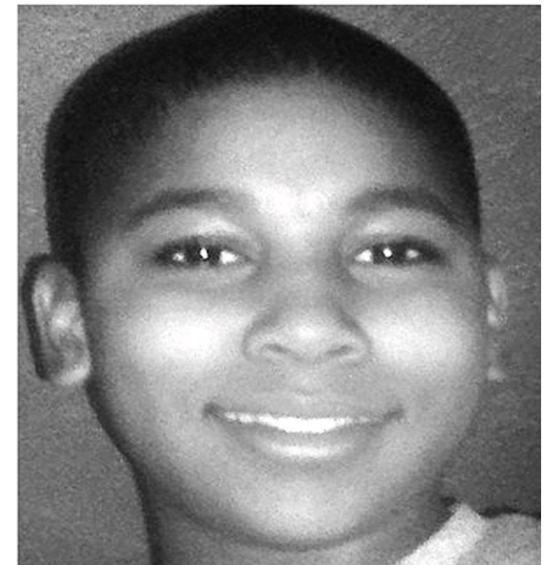
- cafeteria supervisor at Montessori magnet school
- served as a role model for hundreds of children
- memorized the names of the 500 students, along with their food allergies
- “remembered who couldn't have milk, what they could eat, and what they couldn't”
- “taught children important lessons in the consequences of stealing, and being respectful”

**From St. Anthony, MN**

## **Tamir Rice (12)** **2014**

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- attended sixth grade, Marion-Seltzer Elementary School
  - described as a pleasant young man
  - creative self-expression brought him joy
  - enjoyed playing sports
  - loved to be with his three brothers and sisters
  - had a smile that would brighten any room

**To Cleveland, OH**





## **Eric Garner (49)** **2014**

- worked as a horticulturalist
- quit because of asthma
- a neighborhood peacemaker
- father of six children including a three-month-old baby
- three grandchildren

**From New York, NY**

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## **Aaron Campbell (25)** **2010**

**To Portland, OR**

- father of four young children
- loved younger brother who died earlier in the day
- dream was to be a chef
- recently started producing videos





## **Dreasjon (Sean) Reed (23) 2020**

**From Indianapolis, IL**

- former active-duty airman first class in the 3PO security forces
- kind and joyful son
- open heart and soul who cared deeply for those around him
- "you couldn't take his heart from him because he gave it to you first"

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## **Amadou Diallo (25) 1999**

**To New York, NY**

- from Guinea
- came to US in 1997
- studied computer engineering
- shy and hard-working man
- devout Muslim
- Saved \$9000.00 to attend college





## **Ezell Ford (25)**

### **2014**

- played basketball and wanted to play professionally
- suffered from asthma, bipolar disorder
- neighbor said everyone including police knew he had the "mental capacity of an eight-year-old"
- the whole neighborhood took care of him

**From Los Angeles, CA**

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**To Milwaukee, WI**

- had three children who still celebrate his birthday
- struggled with sickle cell
- outgoing and kind

## **Derek Williams (22)**

### **2011**





## **Kyam Livingston (37)**

### **2013**

- kindhearted
- mother, sister, daughter
- amazing cook - oxtail, lasagna, anything
- worked as a security guard in Manhattan
- Wore hair in a bun

**From Brooklyn, NY**

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**To Atlanta, GA**

## **Alexia Christian (26)**

### **2015**

- mother of two daughters
- sister, granddaughter
- "a sweetie pie, always with a smile"
- generous with her time
- meek and humble heart







## Sheneque Proctor (18)

2014

- mother of a infant son
- sweet and loving
- recent high school graduate
- suffered with asthma

**From Bessemer, AL**

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## Margaret Laverne Mitchell (54)

1999

**To Los Angeles, CA**

- sweet homeless woman
- 5'1" tall, 102 pounds
- known by locals as "mom"
- university graduate
- former bank employee





**Sandra Bland (28)**

**2015**

**From Waller County, TX**

- attended Prairie View A&M University
- summer counselor for three years
- played trombone in a marching band
- volunteered for senior citizens advocacy group
- worked at food service supplier
- posted “Sandy Speaks” videos about black life in US

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**To Breaux Bridge, LA**

**Darnisha Harris (17)**

**2012**

- a very good person with a very good heart
- dreamed of being a model
- loved to have fun and dance
- loved family and would do anything for them





## **Aiyana Stanley-Jones (7) 2010**

- loved Disney
- slept on the couch
- was great at math
- was told “you are so smart... The greatest little girl”

**From Detroit, MI**

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## **Kathryn Johnston (92) 1999**

**To Atlanta, GA**

- grandmother and mother
- at 92 still did her own cooking
- lived in the same apartment for 17 years
- had a good sharp mind





# Breonna Taylor (26)

## 2020

**From Louisville, KY**

- emergency medical technician
- worked full time during the COVID-19 pandemic at University of Louisville Jewish Hospital and Norton Healthcare
- full of life and loved social gatherings with her friends
- especially loved being with her family
- looked for ways to better herself and the people around her

# Sophie Sergie (20)

## 1993



- University of Alaska – Fairbanks student
- marine biology major
- had to take a semester off to earn money
- worked as school academic aide and as a clerk
- “She wanted nothing but good for everybody”

**Yupik, Pitkas Point  
From Fairbanks, AK**

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**Blackfeet Nation  
To Missoula, MT**

# Lonette Keehner (56)

## 2018

- married for 28 years
- mother of 2
- motel housekeeper for 21 years
- reliable, never called in sick
- hard worker
- associate degree in criminal justice
- polio survivor
- “zest for life” “wonderful laugh”
- “a kind and loving heart”



# Candace Rough Surface (18)

1980

**Standing Rock Lakota  
From Walworth County, SD**



- “quiet”
- “not afraid to work”
- mother of a 2-year-old boy
- part of a large close-knit family

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# Amanda Webster (26)

2018

**Navajo/Diné**

**To Florence, KY**

- provider for her 3 young children
- traveling construction worker
- worked night shift in GE assembly plant
- “independent” “smart” “optimist”
- “a real good person”



**Missing and Murdered  
Indigenous Women**

# Violence Against LGBTQIA People of Color

**Brooklyn BreYanna Stevenson (31)  
2017**



- amazing daughter, sister and friend
- had a “giving and loving heart.”
- accepted and appreciated for her authentic self
- loved by many

**To Oklahoma City, OK**

# Lateisha Green (22)

## 2008



- at 16 came out as transgender and began to transition
- was social and outgoing
- loved dancing and hip hop
- Worked in childcare
- “loving, caring and compassionate”
- “She carried herself with respect.”

**From Syracuse, NY**

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# Paris Cameron (20)

## 2019

**To Detroit, MI**

- newly in transition
- supported by Alunte Davis
- “whenever you saw one of them, you saw the other. Literally.”
- “loved cooking soul food, voguing, and watching RuPaul’s Drag Race”
- “a fireball,” “a loving spirit”
- “tried to help everybody”







# Alunte Davis (21) 2019

- “he was full of life”
- “he was helpful”
- “he had a lot of personality”
- “he was really funny, really easygoing”
- “Alunte was silly”
- “Alunte was really supportive of Paris (Cameron) and her transition. Whenever you saw one of them you saw the other. Literally.”

**To Detroit, MI**

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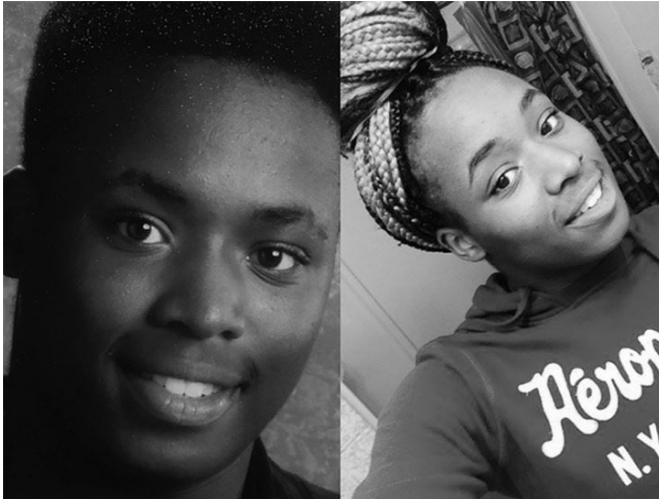
# Timothy Blancher (20) 2019

- friend of Alunte Davis
- “really funny”
- “charismatic”
- “loved to talk stuff, you know, shoot the dozens”

**To Detroit, MI**



# Kedarie/Kandicee Johnson (16) 2016



- loving family member
- popular high school student
- sometimes wore skirt & makeup and sometimes, men's clothing
- “a kid people liked so much... it didn't matter”
- worked part-time at Taco Bell
- “vivacious and funny”

**From Burlington, IA**

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# Kelly Stough (Keanna Mattel) (36) 2018

**To Detroit, MI**

- “her laugh and her smile could brighten up a room”
- “she was a loving, caring person”





## Dejanay Stanton (24) 2018

- “never had a bad word to say about anyone”
- was a family-first person
- she lived with her mother, stepdad and four siblings
- every day she told her mom she loved her

**From Chicago, IL**

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## Monica Loera (43) 2016

- loved to cook
- “beautiful, vivacious and funny”

**To North Austin, TX**





# **“Mother Emanuel” African Methodist Episcopal Church Charleston, SC June 17, 2015**

## **Rev. Clementa C. Pinckney (41)**

- church's senior pastor
- married, father of 2
- wore suits and ties in high school, even in sweltering heat
- preaching since he was 13, fully ordained at 18
- youngest member SC state legislature at age 23
- a SC state senator at age 27
- "most kind, gentle man in the Senate"
- "quiet," had a soft baritone voice
- earned 2 master's degrees, and working on Ph.D.



# Rev. Daniel Simmons (74)



- war veteran
- lost toes to frostbite
- bus driver on interstate bus lines
- earned master's degree
- counseled disabled vets
- called to ministry, became a pastor
- an open hand and an honest heart
- father and grandfather

El Paso, TX — August 3, 2019

Walmart, El Paso, TX — August 3, 2019

Tywanza Sanders (26)

Violence Against LGBTQIA

- college degree in Business, heading to grad school
- barber, poet, musician, tattoo artist
- died trying to shield his great-aunt Susie Jackson from the shooter

Violence Against LGBTQIA

- "warm and helpful spirit"
- "very outgoing but quiet at the same time"

"Mother Emanuel" African Methodist



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## Ethel Lee Lance (70)

Charleston, SC — June 17, 2015

2016

Manuel, African Methodist Episcopal Church

Charleston, SC — June 17, 2015

- "very caring, giving and loving"
- "hardworking"
- "the heart" of her large family
- long-time church sexton,
- "always at the church"
- kept church & grounds immaculate
- retired from work on cleaning crew at arts center
- loved dancing, gospel,
- blues singer Etta James family member

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## Myra Thompson (59)

- led the Bible Study that night
- studied at night for seminary degree
- worked her way through college as single mom
- an 8th grade teacher
- had gifts of "giving, helping, teaching and counseling"
- a woman who treasured neatness and composure





## Cynthia Hurd (54)

- a "mother figure" brought people together
- as a child, read encyclopedia cover-to-cover
- librarian & manager - county public library
- on city public housing authority board since '95
- a Habitat for Humanity's Women Build program participant
- loved to ask questions "to prompt people to search for the answer"
- liked wearing stylish shoes

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## Rev. DePayne Middleton-Doctor (49)

- minister with "fiery pulpit presence"
- praising God even in hard times
- beautiful alto voice, sang solos
- four daughters who sang in choir
- part of a tight-knit family,
- "family voice of reason"
- graduate degree in management
- university admissions coordinator
- "warm and enthusiastic"





# Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton (45)



- “pastor, working on doctorate degree
- high school track coach
- “the best speech pathologist”
- college friend said "exceptional, kind-hearted person; elegant, articulate, she was a lady, first”
- single mother of three
- "absolutely funny and supportive”
- “beautiful spirit”

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# Susie Jackson (87)

- "loving, giving person”
- longtime church & choir member
- her home was a family gathering spot with large family reunion scheduled
- Tywanza Sanders’ great aunt
- Ethel Lance’s cousin
- She took in others
- She taught us never to hate



# John T. Williams (50)

## 2011



- from Canada's Nuu-chah-nulth First Nation
- seventh generation woodcarver
- "extremely talented artist"
- familiar on waterfront and around the city carving totems
- When 9-years-old, told younger brother "Say 'peace.' I want you to learn peace."
- deaf in one ear

**Ditidaht Tribe  
From Seattle, WA**

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# Chance Baker (22)

## 2016

**To Portland, ME**

- a wonderful smile
- lived in Maine for 4 years, grew up in Iowa
- loved fishing and hunting
- worked low pay jobs
- "hardest working person ever"
- generous with his money





## **Tyre Nichols (29)** **2023**

- mother's name tattooed on arm
- father of 4-year-old son
- FedEx worker
- went home for meal breaks
- aspiring professional photographer
- loved sunsets & landscapes
- 6'3" but only 145 lbs due to Crohn's disease
- enjoyed skateboarding

**From Memphis, TN**

**Quinault Indian Nation**  
**To Taholah, WA**

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## **Jimmy Smith-Kramer (20)** **2018**

- father of 2-year old twins
- commercial crab fisherman
- attentive & generous in helping others
- had been a basketball legend
- volunteer coach
- was celebrating his 20th birthday









**Panels can either be given to  
be hung on this “Line” or you  
can take it with you and  
start your own Dragon.**

**If you decide to start your own Dragon Line, it's easy. All you need is foam core panels, pins, line and a little imagination.**

**There is no “right” or “wrong” way — follow your light. Make it your own! Here are some recommendations:**

1. Violence against People of Color is the foundation and focus of all “Dragon Line Projects.” (You might also consider the Dragon of Many Colors Project to honor POC who’ve done extraordinary things.)
2. We recommend using black, white or neutral tones for the Dragon Line panels and colored panels for the Dragon of Many Colors Project.
3. We recommend that there be no charge or fee required by any “Dragon Line Project.”
4. Having support available for people viewing the display is important. You also may wish to build some type of support for yourselves into the structure.
5. Panel-making sessions are very helpful and help build community.



For further information go to <https://tools4racialjustice.net/dragon-panel-project/> or use the QR code in the logo.



***MAKE YOUR***

***OWN PANELS***

- **Is there a Person of Color who was killed you wish to honor?**
- **Someone who probably would still be alive if they were white?**
- **Someone whose story you'd like remembered?**











SHOPPING •

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**PATRICK LYOYA ★ 26**

— — — — • GRAND RAPIDS, MI

APRIL 4, 2022

Lyoya had stopped to check on something on the car he was driving when the officer pulled up behind him.

**AMIR LOCKE ★ 22**

LYING ON COUCH • MINNEAPOLIS, MN

FEBRUARY 2, 2022

shot by SWAT officers during the execution of a no-knock warrant. Locke was not named in the warrant itself, nor was he a suspect in the case being investigated,

**ALVIN MOTLEY JR. ★ 48**

PLAYING MUSIC • MEMPHIS, TN

AUGUST 7, 2021

Store's security guard Gregory Livingston approached Motely and started arguing with him about the volume of the music coming from their car.

**ANDREW BROWN JR. ★ 42**

— — — — • ELIZABETH CITY, NC

APRIL 21, 2021



On April 21, 2021, Andrew Brown Jr., a 42-year-old black American, was killed by a gunshot to the back of the head by the Sheriff Department in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, United States. The shooting occurred while deputies were serving drug-related search and arrest warrants at the Brown residence. The arrest warrant, issued on April 20, was for possession with intent to sell "approximately three grams of cocaine."

**MA'KHIA BRYANT ★ 16**

— — — — • COLUMBUS, OH  
APRIL 20, 2021

On April 20, 2021, Ma'Khia Bryant (September 29, 2004 – April 20, 2021), a 16-year-old girl,

**VINCENT BELMONTE ★ 18**

— — — — • CLEVELAND, OH  
JANUARY 5, 2021

Shot and killed by an East Cleveland police officer Tuesday morning was driving his girlfriend to work in a car a friend allowed him to drive as a favor, his stepmother told cleveland.com.

**KURT REINHOLD ★ 42**

WALKING • SAN CLEMENTE, CA  
SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

a man was jaywalking before they confronted him in the street with a scene that ultimately escalated in a struggle and one of the deputies fatally shooting him.

**JONATHAN PRICE ★ 31**

STOPPING A FIGHT • WOLFE CITY, TX

OCTOBER 3, 2020

he was fatally shot during an officer-involved shooting in Wolfe City on Saturday while he was breaking up a fight. A broken taillight leads to police chase

**JULIAN LEWIS ★ 60**

DRIVING • SYLVANIA, GA

AUGUST 7, 2020

pursued by a Georgia state trooper on a rural road, his car ending up pinned between a tree and the trooper's car. Lewis died after he was shot in the head. Lewis has been described as soft-spoken and peaceful, Johnson said. During his funeral, friends and family recalled how the skilled carpenter volunteered to do work for senior citizens and a local church.

**RAYSHARD BROOKS ★ 27**

SLEEPING IN CAR • ATLANTA, GA

JUNE 12, 2020

On the night of June 12, 2020, Rayshard Brooks, a 27-year-old African American man, was fatally shot by Atlanta Police Department (APD) officer Garrett Rolfe. a Wendy's restaurant drive-through lane. At the scene, Brosnan radioed for assistance, and Rolfe arrived some minutes later. Rolfe conducted a breathalyzer exam which indicated that Brooks' blood-alcohol content was above the legal limit for driving. taser and attempted to run away. Rolfe pursued Brooks on foot, and Brooks turned and fired the taser toward Rolfe's head. Rolfe then fired his gun three times at Brooks, hitting him twice

**PRISCILLA SLATER ★ 38**

IN CUSTODY • HARPER WOODS, MI

JUNE 10, 2020

Family demands answers after woman dies in Harper Woods police custody

Vincent Belmonte

The family's insistence that Vincent Belmonte drove a borrowed car runs counter to East Cleveland police's initial report that says the officers tried to stop a car they say was stolen.



