




**THE REALITY OF POILCE
BRUTALLY**

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Am I Another one

I see the lights Flashing before my eyes.
It's my turn next, If I move this be it.

They stand still like a deer in headlights.
Scared with their hands on their hips.

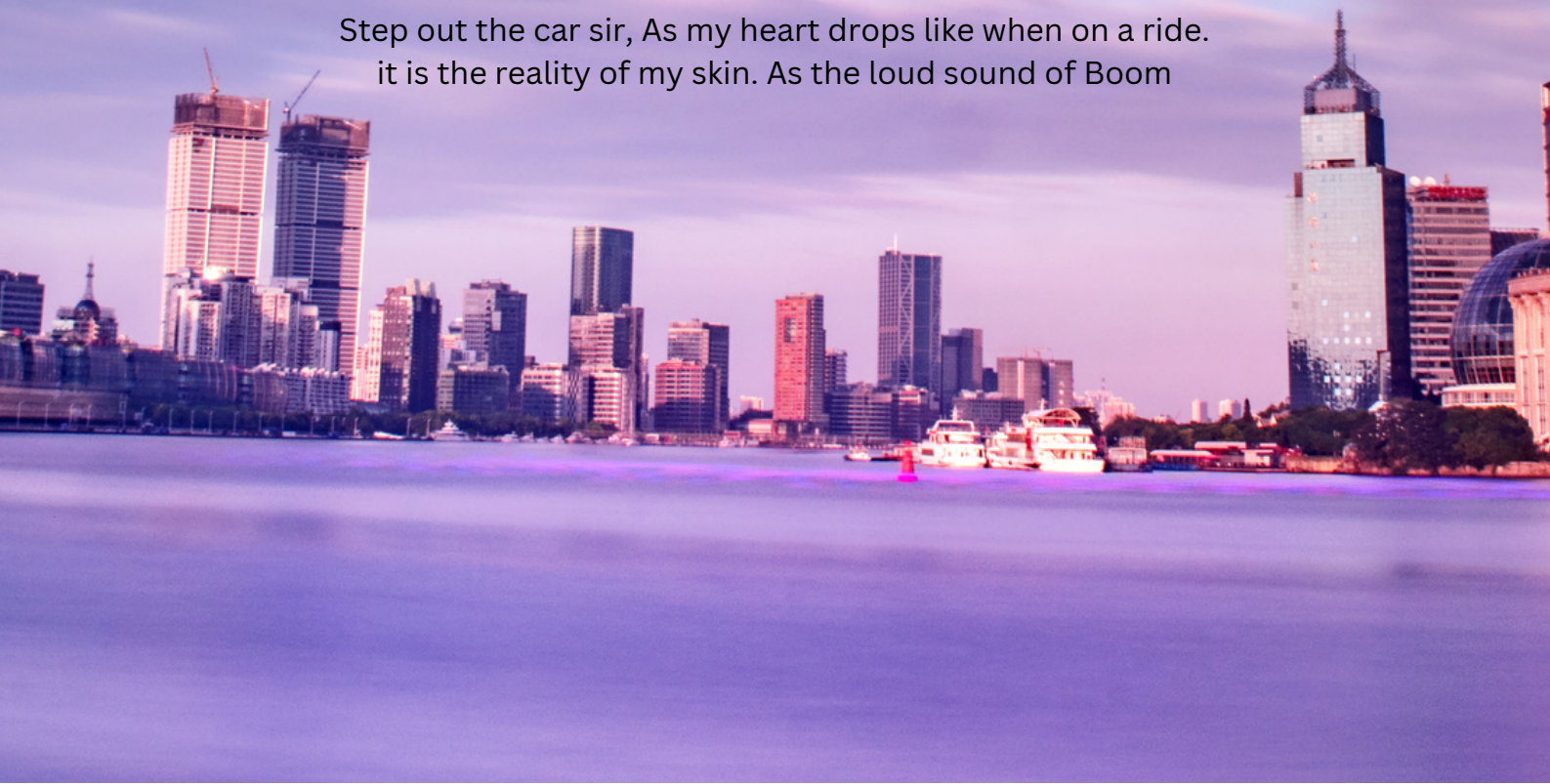
Will my name be written on a wall?
A lie will be told like when children who see Santa.

License and registration they ask for
My family, Children community I want to see again.

The camera are rolling is this a movie
Is this the scene out of the horror flim Freddy.

A dream I keep asking myself,
It feels like razor sharp claws touching me.

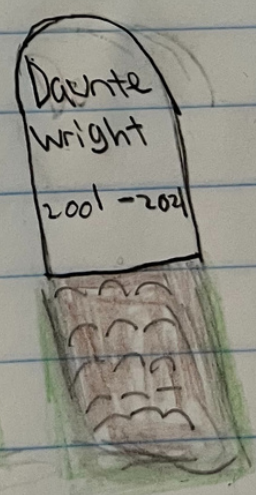
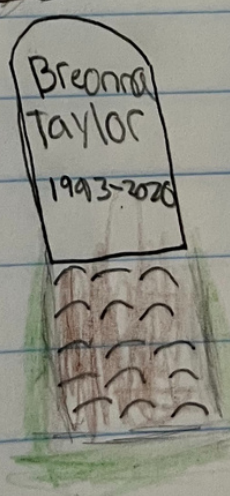
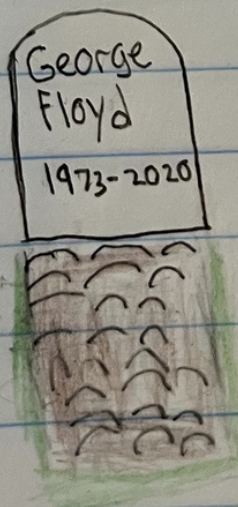
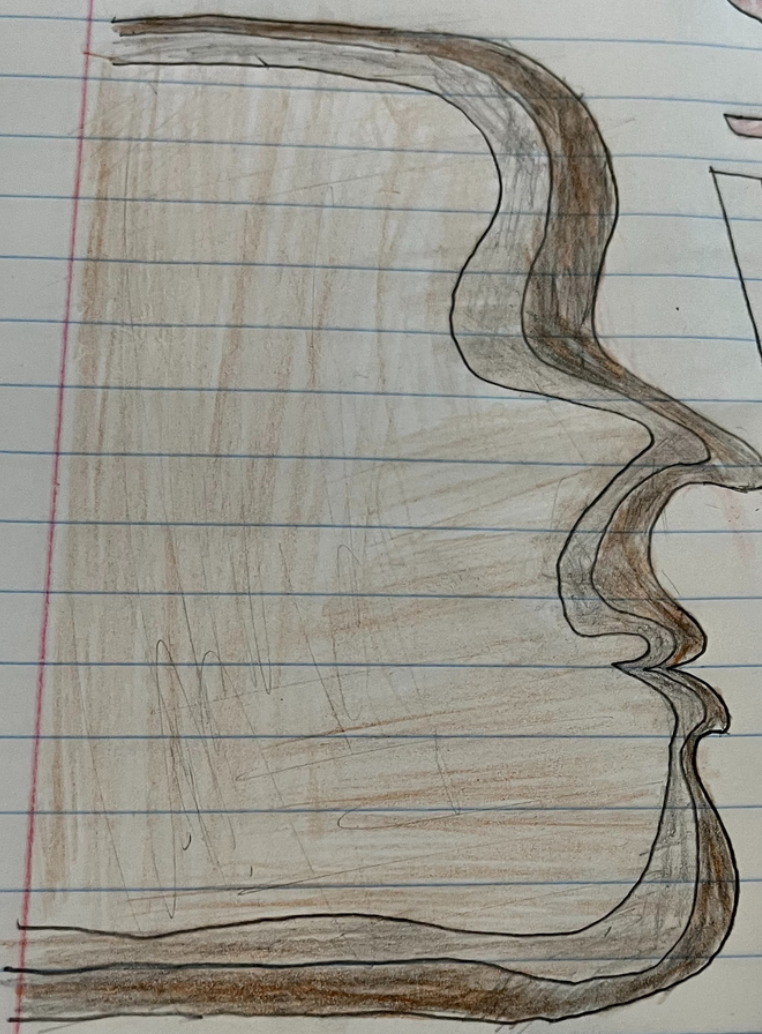
Step out the car sir, As my heart drops like when on a ride.
it is the reality of my skin. As the loud sound of Boom



STOP

Killing

US



Curtis has had experiences dealing with injustice issues within our community. When we talk about the importance of police brutality and the laws that exist, it is the worst nightmare of every African American male. Curtis is a 35-year black male (who is my stepfather) who has had his share of involvement with the law. Not because he has done something wrong but because his color is wrong. We speak on topics related to police brutality, religion and prejudices when it comes to African Americans.

Have you experienced racism? If so, how do you explain what racism is to your child?

I have had my experience dealing with racism. I would definitely speak to my children about the society we live in. Being black comes with a target. I would explain the dos and don'ts and inform them how people see color and how to handle it. Blacks have always been labeled with a tag of being a thug, criminal and murderer. Yet no one speaks of white crimes that occur daily.

What is your definition of police brutality?

When police use over excessive force among black people. If someone is compliant, they use tactics to hurt or harm someone or even kill.

Do you feel comfortable complying with police officers?

At times I do. I don't do anything but follow the rules. Then again you can do everything they ask, and they still can harm you. I think police need better training and extensive psych evaluations.

You are a black man, do religion play a part in injustice and police brutality?

Absolutely. Religion has always been an issue among when it comes to race. A person of Islam faith will possibly receive just as much racial attack as a black Christian. People who are racist see color and religion. Unfortunately, we live in a world where being something other than white is an issue.

Segregation? Did it help or hurt blacks when it came to injustice and racism?

It hurt us. I always said I believed they should have kept us segregated. Blacks thrived more, were more advanced than whites. Why you think they did Tulsa Oklahoma bombing. We had our own banks, hospitals, communities. Police our owned neighborhoods and didn't have to worry about racism. Black people today would have so much more but their goal was to not allow it to happen.

Do you think the use body cams to stop police brutality is working?

No. Not true consequences or justice has really been made for police who have broken the law themselves. Yes, some have been trialed or charged but not actually given a real sentence. Body cams have shed light on what has already been happening. People can see more what been occurring for years. Social media is given everyone access to view police brutality and social/racial injustice, but nothing has truly changed. We have seen Rodney Kings beating, George Floyd and yet more and more blacks are still being murder by police for no reason.

Should police officers be evaluated more frequently?

Absolutely. Evaluations should at least be done semiannually along with cultural training and psychiatric evaluations. If you take a 22-year-old white male officer from suburbia and place him in the inner city, it would be a cultural shock. They need to train appropriately for different communities. I also think that most racist people hide behind the badge so that they can target blacks because they know if it will be kept quiet and swept under the rug. Why do you think KKK wore mask. They didn't want their true self to be seen. Wanted to hide their identity so they hide behind a badge now.

What is the root of the constant rise in police brutality? Is police violence on the rise in the last decade, or are more people reporting abuses than ever before?

The root cause stems back to slavery. Blacks have always been stepped on and kept down. This isn't something new that just arose. I don't think police violence has risen I just think it being filmed more. Everything now is so accessible that you can see anything going around across the world. Its cameras everywhere. Body cam's purpose was initiated to help police, but it has been an advantage for someone who has experience racial injustice or brutality. I also think people are now more tired than ever of seeing blacks being killed and no justice is being brought about.

To "protect and serve" is a common phrase that is used among police officers that defines their duty as a cop. That notion has lost its power in the black community. Many blacks feel as though calling the police is pointless and useless. Too often we see the injustice that occurs in black communities and it hasn't changed even after changed has been called for.

Contributor Page

Jalen: Born in Philadelphia, I grew up with my mom and dad. Currently in 11th grade and pursuing a career in engineering. Some of my pastimes are playing on my play station and bonding with family. I always tried to walk to make people's day. That's how I was taught to treat people. I like to Enjoy having fun and being engaged in things I like. A twitch streaming is one things I like to do on my off time.



ARTIST

STATEMENT

THE POEM THAT WAS BASE ON IS HUSTLE BY
JERCHIO BROWN. THE STRUCTURE OF THE POEM WAS
A 8 STANZA POEM WITH 2 LINES EACH. THERE WAS
SOME IMAGERY, SIMLE AND METAPHORS IN HUSTLE.
THE POEM HUSTLE WAS VERY SERIOUS AND GET TO
THE POINT. I DID DRAWING FOR MY CREATIE
SUBMISSION. IT COMPLEMENTS THE POEM BY
EXLPAINING YOUNG BLACK PEOPLE FEEL MEETING
A COP. I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON MY POEM. TO
ME IT SHOWS MY IDEAS OF MEETING A COP.

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Are the police systemically Racist?

Annotation: The interactions between police and blacks are Too often tragic. Blacks are several times more likely to be shot during a police Interaction. People often think that blacks are to blame for the number of violent crimes. In fact, systematic Racism is responsible for many deaths of black individuals after an interaction with the police. We look at cases like Downte Wright, George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor just to name a few, To show the existence of systematic racism in policing. More than 55 percent of color are stopped by the police. This is not only to point and say that every police officer is naïve. This is to show how the system that has been put into place years ago, is not systematic for us. The system is built around and for the police and the country. More than 1004 police killings in 2019 out of the millions that happened that year 2004 were colored people.

THE END

