

JUSTICE 4 ALAN BLUEFORD!

STOP POLICE BRUTALITY!

THE FACTS ABOUT THE KILLING OF ALAN BLUEFORD

On May 6, 2012, Officer Miguel Masso of the Oakland Police Department (CA) drove up on three young African-American men in East Oakland with his lights out. One of these young men—Alan Blueford—ran from Masso, who chased Alan for five blocks before shooting him dead in the driveway of a home holding a Cinco de Mayo party.



Alan Was NOT In A Shootout With OPD

In spite of the initial story that Masso was shot multiple times, in reality Alan did not fire a gun the night he was killed. The coroner's report showed that Alan had no gunshot residue on either of his hands and, in fact, Masso shot himself in the foot. Two of the three bullets found in Alan's body entered at an upward angle, which suggests he was lying backward when he was shot by Masso.

OPD Lied About The Killing Of Alan Blueford

Nonetheless, the story of a "gun battle" between Alan and Masso spread immediately. Multiple media outlets, including the Oakland Tribune, NBC 11 and KTVU 2 all reported this story, which was attributed to a police spokeswoman, presumably Officer Johnna Watson. The Alameda County Coroner's Investigator was also told this lie by OPD Officer Justin Buna. Neither of these officers have been held accountable for repeating this lie. Instead, OPD has still not released the police report on the case and asked the coroner to hold their report as well, although it was finally released after a public campaign by the Blueford family and their supporters.

The Blueford Family Was Lied To About The Death of Alan

The lie that Alan was in a "gun battle" was told directly to the Blueford family by OPD. This was after they were forced to wait two hours at the department for information about his case. They were also told by OPD Chief Howard Jordan himself that Alan was taken directly to Highland Hospital for medical care when in fact he was pronounced dead at the scene. And Alan continues to be painted by OPD as a criminal in spite of a promise by Jordan not to slander him.

The Mayor and City Council Have Taken NO ACTION Against The Offending Officers

The Bluefords spoke to Jordan, Mayor Jean Quan and multiple City Council members about Alan and while they have heard many promises, they have seen no action. Masso remains on paid leave as an employee of OPD and no charges have been filed against him. Additionally, none of the officers (including Jordan) who lied to the Bluefords and to the public have faced any disciplinary action. Officers in Fullerton and New York City have recently faced criminal charges for killing people while on the job, but the City of Oakland and the Alameda County District Attorney's office continue to drag their feet. The Oakland City Council recently even volunteered to pay the punitive damages placed on an OPD officer for performing a strip search in public, essentially giving a green light to continued police misconduct.

Alan's Murder Was Completely Arbitrary, Unnecessary and Racist!

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In 2007 unarmed Charles Davis was shot in the back and paralyzed...
In 2008 unarmed Jody Woodfox was shot dead while trying to escape...
In 2009 unarmed Oscar Grant was shot dead lying face down...
In 2010 unarmed Derrick Jones was shot dead while trying to escape...
In 2011 unarmed Raheim Brown was assassinated in his car...
and now, in 2012,
18 year old Alan Blueford was shot dead while trying to escape.

Oakland Police have both a tradition and a penchant for guns, violence, and racial profiling "above and beyond..." "... in 28 percent of the ((examined)) instances, Oakland cops had no legitimate reason for drawing and pointing their guns. The monitors also tabulated the racial breakdown of who was having guns pointed at them and discovered that 78 percent were black and 17 percent were Latino... sometimes officers pointed their firearms at victims and witnesses..."

<http://www.eastbayexpress.com/ebx/why-witnesses-wont-talk-to-oakland-police/Content?oid=2959541>

Oakland's Police Department has been the target of numerous civil rights lawsuits and has in fact signed off on two settlements where they promised to reform... to no avail... "Nine years of efforts to bring Oakland's Police Department into compliance with a legal settlement from a federal civil rights lawsuit has cost the city millions and embroiled city leaders in a quagmire of legal complications."

<http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Some-in-Oakland-fear-police-receivership-3832566.php>

OPD is incredibly expensive... "the Police Department already takes up roughly 40 percent of the ((City of Oakland's)) budget." <http://www.sfgate.com/crime/article/Some-in-Oakland-fear-police-receivership-3832566.php>

gives back nothing to the community... "Nine out of ten Oakland cops live outside the city -- a fact that costs Oakland nearly \$200 million in lost revenues a year, and may explain OPD's disconnect with the people it's supposed to serve and protect."

<http://ellabakercenter.org/in-the-news/justice-system-police-accountability-violence-and-anti-violence/the-high-costs-of>

and is extremely ineffective... "During the past decade, the Oakland Police Department's record for solving violent crimes has been among the worst in California."

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Not only are the Oakland Police expensive to employ, they cost the City of Oakland vast sums in civil rights lawsuits settlements... "In the last ten years, Oakland has paid out \$57 million to alleged victims of police abuse. San Francisco has paid out \$28 million in a city with twice the population, and San Jose paid out \$9 million in a city with two and a half times the population of Oakland. Oakland is first among the ten largest cities in California both in absolute amount of settlement monies paid and amounts paid relative to population." <http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/investigation-reveals-east-bay-city-paying-out-ext/nFdWy/>

OPD serves no one but themselves. OPD protects no one but the one percent. OPD lies reflexively. And worst, OPD kills. Over and over and over.

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