

Killed in Ohio at the hands of law enforcement personnel

Name	Age	Nationality
Colico Smalls	21	Black

August 4, 1999. Canton:

Around 2:30 a.m., Mr. Smalls allegedly went into a bar wearing a ski mask, pulled a gun, and tried to rob somebody. Police were called. Mr. Smalls left the bar by the time cops arrived. People inside the bar heard a single shot. Police had shot Mr. Smalls once in the chest and killed him, claiming he pulled a gun on them.

Michael Demonn Carpenter	30	African American
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March 19, 1999. Cincinnati (Northside):

Mr. Carpenter was shot 5 times and killed by police officers Michael B. Miller II and Brent McCurley during a traffic stop. The victim had the top of his head taken off by a bullet fired by Officer McCurley and was also hit in the right arm. The cops had seen him at a convenience store where he bought a soda and then panhandled for gas money. They followed him when he drove away and stopped him, allegedly for expired license plates. Police said he was “acting suspicious.” Police claim he refused to give his name or get out of the car, so they shot him dead. Cops searched the car after his death and supposedly found a utility knife in the glove compartment. They tried to use this to justify the shooting (although they couldn’t have known about the utility knife when they opened fire). The family’s lawyer filed a civil rights complaint against the officers. A protest rally was planned for Apr. 17, 1999.

Robert Williams	17	—
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May 11, 1998. Arlington Heights:

Robert was killed when the alleged stolen jeep he was driving crashed during a police chase. He was being pursued by an Arlington Heights cop, supposedly for speeding.

Daniel T. Williams	41	—
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February 2, 1998. Cincinnati:

Daniel was shot in the head and killed by Officer Kathleen Conway. Police claim Williams approached Officer Conway and shot her four times in a random attack as he stood outside her cruiser. Authorities say he then opened the door and pushed the cop over, at which point she pulled her gun and shot him in the head, killing him. Officer Conway, who is expected to recover fully from her wounds, was portrayed as a hero in the press.

Derrick Calhoun	21	—
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January 20, 1998. Columbus:

Derrick was shot and killed by undercover cops who claimed they had bought several thousand dollars worth of crack from Derrick and 16-year-old Desmond Johnson in a “buy-and-bust” operation at a Sunoco gas station. The pair fled in a car, with Derrick driving, when cops tried to arrest them. The police allege that Calhoun’s and Johnson’s vehicle hit two cop cars (although the cops were not injured) and that Desmond Johnson began firing from the window, hitting Officer Ronald M. Moss once (Officer Moss, who supposedly bought the drugs from them, was expected to recover quickly). Three other cops returned fire, hitting Derrick at least once and killing him. Derrick’s car then crashed, and Desmond Johnson was arrested and charged with, among other things, involuntary manslaughter. Apparently the cops are holding Johnson legally responsible for the fact that one of their own killed his associate. Prosecutors want to try him as an adult.

Dr. Margo S. Prade —

November 26, 1997. Akron:

Dr. Prade was shot and killed by her former husband, Akron Police Department Capt. Douglas E. Prade. Her body was found inside her van at her family practice office. Investigators say Prade killed her because he could no longer control her after their divorce.

Daniel L. Pratt 23 —

August 10, 1997. Madison County (Rte. 29):

Daniel was shot multiple times and killed by state troopers Jeffrey Reynolds and Daniel Finnel. Cops claim Daniel opened fire on them after he was pulled over. They claim they “returned fire” and killed him. The authorities claim Daniel was wanted for two counts of attempted murder and first-degree assault in his hometown (Jamestown, NY) and that he was driving a stolen pickup truck. Law enforcement sources from Ohio and New York discussed the dangers facing state troopers and how violent the public has become. They said that the incident showed that, “right now, the training that we have seems to be doing the job,” and “I’m glad they [the cops] were on their toes.” “Details” of the shooting are being “withheld” by police investigators until they “review the case” with the Madison County Prosecutor. Both cops were put on paid administrative leave (paid vacation), but they returned to full duty shortly afterwards. In December, a grand jury cleared them of any wrongdoing.

Lorenzo Collins 30 African American

February 28, 1997. Cincinnati:

Lorenzo escaped from a psychiatric ward at the University of Cincinnati Hospital. He was shot and killed by Cincinnati police officers and University police officers.

Unidentified —

December 31, 1995. Columbus (Oak Street):

This person was shot and killed by Officer Ronald M. Moss, who was serving a search warrant during a drug raid at the victim’s house. The victim supposedly shot at Officer Moss, though the bullet lodged in his helmet, causing no serious injury. Officer Moss said he “returned fire,” killing the “suspect.” He received the Medal of Valor for the shooting.

Mike Hill white

June 28, 1995. Fazeysburg (Muskingum County):

Mike Hill, a member of the Ohio Unorganized Militia, was shot and killed by Officer Matt May, a member of Fazeysburg’s three-member police department. Officer May pulled Mr. Hill over because the latter’s car allegedly had militia license plates instead of the official Ohio state license plates. Mr. Hill allegedly pulled a pistol, and Officer May fired in self-defense, according to the Muskingum County sheriff’s office. The controversy that resulted from this shooting included moves (ultimately unsuccessful) to disband Fazeysburg’s three-member police department. In Dec., 1997, Fazeysburg’s newly-elected mayor commented “Matt [Officer May] was involved in a couple of things before that (Hill shooting). In my opinion, he should have been terminated long before he killed Mr. Hill. It’s the cop attitude, which in today’s society is not helpful.” It is worth noting that such official reaction against a police murder is virtually unheard of in most cases.

Anthony Carmichael 18 —

April 1998 (?). Trotwood (Dayton suburb):

According to police, Anthony was shooting at a man in a mall parking lot around 8 pm. When cops arrived, Anthony allegedly threatened them. The police opened fire, killing Anthony.

Walter E. Brown Black

1991. Cincinnati (Corryville):

Mr. Brown was shot to death by Cincinnati police in a hallway outside his apartment. The Office of Municipal Investigations found that the cops had used excessive force, but police investigators cleared them of wrongdoing.

Ervin Fanning —

1991. Cincinnati:

Mr. Fanning choked to death after being restrained by Cincinnati police. The Office of Municipal Investigations found that cops had improperly applied restraints, causing the victim to vomit and choke. Police investigators cleared the cops of wrongdoing.

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