

## No Justice, No Peace

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If you haven't heard about the tragedy concerning Trayvon Martin, you must be sleeping under a rock or something.

On February 26, 2012, a young black man was shot and killed as he walked to a family member's home from a convenience store. He was only 17 years of age.

Recently released 911 calls from the executioner, George Zimmerman, show that he called the police to report a "suspicious person" was walking in the neighborhood.

When Zimmerman reported that Trayvon was noticeably a black man, they told him not to confront the young man, but allow them to handle it because they were on the way. Zimmerman responded that "they" always get away and the next thing you know young Trayvon was found dead in the street with a bullet hole in the chest.

Zimmerman, a self-appointed "neighborhood watch captain", disobeyed the dispatchers order to not follow Trayvon, who was armed with nothing but a bag of Skittles and a can of iced tea.

Another 911 call from a witness is even more despicable and difficult to digest. On the audio recording you hear a homeowner talking to a police dispatcher and you hear the screams of a person, constantly yelling "Help!" begging for their life in the background. After a period of time, you hear a loud gunshot and then the screams for help cease and you hear utter silence in the

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background. These screams are believed to be that of young Trayvon Martin.

The Sanford Police department and the police chief have refused to arrest George Zimmerman and they have used public forums to express their support for this killer. They have reportedly encouraged eyewitnesses to change and recant their testimony to say that the screams they heard was that of Zimmerman, not Trayvon Martin.

That is why I have bittersweet feelings about the Justice Department and the FBI getting involved with this case.

I am happy that the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Florida and the FBI, have all opened an investigation into the facts and circumstances of the shooting death. The department will conduct a thorough and independent review of all of the evidence and take appropriate action at the conclusion of the investigation.

On the one hand, I find it troubling that a law enforcement agency would deny due process by allowing someone to claim self-defense, when there is clear evidence that a premeditated murder was committed.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, a Senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee, is actively involved with this issue and released a statement saying, "With all the federal civil rights crimes, the government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt that a person acted intentionally and with the specific intent to do something which the law forbids-the highest level of intent in criminal law. I am deeply troubled and concerned about the rising tide of violence among America's children."

If there is any way that I can bring any awareness to this travesty of justice, whereby this young child was executed by a cold-hearted, premeditated murderer, all because of the SIN of his SKIN, I will.

I have two daughters and a son and my heart not only grieves constantly for young Trayvon Martin's family, but a righteous indignation keeps me focused on demanding justice where

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justice is due.

If our children can be senselessly executed by regular citizens or anyone in authority without even a shred of evidence or proof of wrongdoing, what is our country coming to?

Whether driving while black or walking down the street while black, our skin color has caused us to be targeted and stereotyped like very few other races of people in America.

This has got to stop! Black people are not target practice and should not have to walk around with a bull's eye on their back because of the color of their skin.

Black people are constantly stereotyped, harassed and in this case and many others, MURDERED, because of the color of their skin.

Whether you refuse to acknowledge it or not, the truth is the truth.

NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE!

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