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In 2012, the U.S. legal system ruled that 91%, of the extrajudicial killings were “justified”. Only 10 officers were ever charged with a crime. Of the 25 killings by security guards and vigilantes, 16 were charged—including Zimmerman. To date, only 2 police officers have been convicted of manslaughter and are serving minimum 4-year sentences. Two officers pleaded guilty to vehicular manslaughter in exchange for 6-month sentences. Those marked in green were found “not guilty”, and red “guilty”.*



Impunity in the Judicial System for Extrajudicial Killers

Date of Killing	Who was killed? Circumstances	Killer	Aftermath of the killing	Charge	Judicial Outcome
2/3/12	<u>Remarley Graham</u> (18) Richard Haste, a narcotics officer followed Graham into his home and shot the unarmed teenager.	Richard Haste (white, police officer) Bronx, NY	Security cameras proved Graham did NOT run away from police. Graham’s murder evoked a huge local and national protest. The family and community also conducted a weekly vigil for justice	Manslaughter 6/6/12	5/13/13 Judge dismissed charges on a “technicality”: claimed that Grand Jury didn’t consider his state of mind.— “Haste thought Graham was dangerous because he was told he was armed.”8/7/13, a New York Grand Jury refused to re-indict.
2/5/12	<u>David Terrill Malloy</u> (36) Security guard at a nightclub used fatal chokehold.	Kaleb Gabril McDonald (Black security guard) Rockingham, NC	Malloy was unarmed. McDonald claimed he was unruly.	Voluntary manslaughter	NA
2/26/12	<u>Trayvon Martin</u> (17) Self-appointed community watchman followed unarmed Martin and shot him.	George Zimmerman (white vigilante) Sanford, FL	44 days of huge nationwide protests forced the arrest of Zimmerman. For a year, competing narratives filled the media.	2 nd degree murder	Acquitted 7/12/13 by 5 white and one Latina woman, on grounds that Zimmerman claimed he thought his life in danger.
3/1/12	<u>Dante Price</u> (25) Security guards shot him 22X as he, unarmed, attempted to keep an appointment to babysit his own kids	Christopher Tarbert and Justin Wissinger (both white sec. gds.) Dayton, OH	Security guards claimed Price tried to run them down in his car. Family, community and local NAACP rallied and pressed City Council to charge them with murder.	Abduction and murder, 7/12/12	Trial was repeatedly postponed. New date set for 10/20/14. Killers raised money on web. On 10/10/14, prosecutor accepted their guilty plea to involuntary manslaughter and dropped murder charges. They face 3 years in prison.
3/7/12	<u>Wendell Allen</u> (20) was wearing only PJ bottoms when plainclothes narcotics officer invaded house and shot him.	Joshua Colclough (white police officer) New Orleans, LA	New Orleans community and family outraged over the killing of Allen, a basketball star. Four children were present during the SWAT raid for marijuana. <u>The raid was videotaped</u>	8/16/12 manslaughter	5/3/13 his attorney requested change of venue out of NOLA. On 9/13/13, Colclough pleaded guilty to manslaughter, apologized to Allen’s mother and was sentenced to 4 years.

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3/10/12	<u>Michael Anthony Haynes II</u> (24) At a gas station store, Haynes, protested high price of condoms, when clerk refused to refund money, Haynes, unarmed, knocked over a rack and clerk shot him in the back.	Ibrahim Kassim Saleh (Arab American store clerk) Detroit, MI	There was a video tape that clearly showed Saleh shooting Haynes in the back as he was leaving the store.	Initially charged with 1 st degree murder 3/13/12	Charge was reduced to manslaughter. Saleh claimed he was afraid for his life but shooting Haynes was an accident. He was convicted 7/11/13 and given a sentence of up to 15 years. He will be eligible for release in 2 years.
3/14/12	<u>Dane Garrett Scott Jr</u> (18) After an altercation about Scott's reckless driving, police captain shot an unarmed Scott in the back.	Randy Trent Harrison (white police captain) Del City, OK	Witnesses said Scott was trying to surrender with his hands in the air when Harrison shot him in the back. The community protested. Another officer who was present refuted Harrison's version of events.	Manslaughter	11/23/13 convicted of 1 st degree manslaughter. 2/15/14 received 4 year sentence. (In addition to the other officer's testimony, court heard that Harrison had narcotics in his system.)
3/27/12	<u>Rekia Boyd</u> (22) Off-duty officer claimed he saw a gun and fired at someone standing near Boyd. She was killed by accident.	Dante Serven (white off-duty police officer) Chicago, IL	Many witnesses were present when Serven fired into the crowd. The object he claimed was a gun turned out to be a cellphone. Local and national communities staged massive protests.	Serven kept job until 11/25/13 when he was charged with involuntary manslaughter	3/15/13 City awarded Boyd family \$4.5 million in wrongful death suit but Serven earned \$87,000/yr on police force until 11/15/13. His trial is scheduled to begin 12/3/14
4/6/12	<u>William Allen</u> (31), <u>Dannaer Fields</u> (49) and <u>Bobby Clark</u> (54) were three unrelated pedestrians arbitrarily targeted by white supremacists	Jake England and Alvin Watts (white vigilantes) Tulsa, OK	England and Watts went on a shooting rampage. England asserted his desire to kill Black people to avenge his father who had been killed in a scuffle with a Black man. The Black man had been exonerated.	1 st degree murder + hate crime enhancement	Prosecution was seeking death penalty for 3 counts murder and 2 additional shootings . In early 2014 they pleaded guilty and were sentenced to life.
4/13/12	<u>Kevin McCann</u> (38) McCann was a former employee of the store where he was shot.	Ahmed Ibrahim (Arab store clerk) Memphis, TN	Ibrahim claimed McCann was causing trouble.	2 nd degree murder	Ibrahim is using stand your ground defense. Outcome NA
4/29/12	<u>Michael Randolph (O'Head)</u> (23) Security guard shot him several times in the parking lot of a social club	Andrew Gesslein (white security guard) Allentown, PA	Gesslein , who lied about once having been a police officer, claimed that Randolph tried to force his way into the club and reached into his waistband. Witnesses contradicted him. A video showed Randolph was unarmed and shot as he was leaving the scene.	Voluntary manslaughter	Convicted on 4/5/13. The judge castigated the jury. He said they were wrong to convict because Randolph had a criminal record and Gesslein didn't— Rec'd minimum sentence of 5-10 years. Gesslein could have gotten 20 years. His conviction was overturned 11/12/13. Awaiting new trial. Bail granted 6/18/14

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5/18/12	<u>Robin Taneisha Williams</u> (21) Trooper rammed Williams' car. She died in the explosion	Barry Searfoss (white off-duty state trooper) Upper Dublin on PA Tpke.	Searfoss' blood alcohol was found to be .188% (Legal limit is .08)	homicide by vehicle under DUI, reckless driving 6/25/12	After nearly two years of legal maneuvering, Searfoss pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter and DUI and rec'd a sentence of 6-23 months.
5/25/12	<u>David Winston</u> (27) After an argument, hotel security guard shot him. (unarmed)	Pierre Myles (Black hotel security guard) Birmingham, AL	Caught on video camera and by witnesses shooting Winston multiple times in back as Winston was leaving scene of an argument	2 nd degree murder.	July 12, 2013 sentenced to life in prison after he pleaded guilty. Eligible for parole in 15 years.
5/31/12	<u>Darius Simmons</u> (13) Spooner, Simmons' 75 yr old neighbor, accused the child of stealing guns. When the child denied the accusation Spooner shot him once in the chest and again in the back as Simmons ran.	John Henry Spooner (white vigilante) Milwaukee, WI	Simmons' mother witnessed the murder of her son as he was taking out the garbage. It was also videotaped on Spooner's security camera. Community and some national protest. Jesse Jackson called the shooting a hate crime.	First degree murder	After a short trial, on July 17, 2013, a jury found Spooner guilty of intentional homicide and on July 19, 2013, they also ruled he was sane, not delusional when he shot Simmons. At 76, he is expected to spend the rest of his life in prison.
6/1/12	<u>Kijuan Boyd</u> (29) Security guard shot Boyd 11 times as he rolled a joint in the parking lot of a club.	Lukace Shane Kendle (white security guard) Miami, FL	Kendle also shot Boyd's friend 4X but Boyd survived	Charged with 2 nd degree murder and expected to use stand-your-ground defense	NA
6/13/12	<u>Christopher Brown</u> (17) LaBoard thought the teenager threw a rock at his house, chased and choked him.	James LaBoard (Black off-duty police officer) Baltimore, MD	Family and friends protested the killing, pointed out that Brown played football, joined ROTC and was a church usher.	6/27/12 charged involuntary manslaughter and released on own recognizance	Found not guilty on all charges 6/20/13
7/13/12	<u>Anthony Mansfield</u> (50) Killed when officer crashed into his car.	Taikwon Dudley (Black police officer) Hartford, CN	Dudley's account of the crash differed from witnesses and forensic investigation.	10/18/12 negligent homicide, reckless driving.	Outcome expected to be favorable to the officer because he was going to the aid of another officer who was chasing a suspect. Outcome NA
7/21/12	<u>Jacqueline Robinson Culp</u> (59) Died when police officer crashed into her car.	Joshua Sieck (white police officer) Atlanta, GA	Sieck was on a non-emergency call when he crashed into Culp. Significant political protest.	Fired and charged with 2 nd degree vehicular manslaughter	7/15/2014 Grand Jury increased the charge to 1 st degree vehicular manslaughter.

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8/12/12	<u>Tony Taylor</u> (26) argued with Benavides at apartment complex. He was shirtless, unarmed with his hands in the air when Benavides shot.	Jose Benavides (Latino security guard) Jackson, MS	Family and friends reported that the security guard was hostile to many tenants and that the shooting was racially motivated. Police increased their presence at the complex after the shooting, fearing “volatile situation”.	Charged with murder	Benavides claimed self defense. Jurors deadlocked and mistrial declared 9/26/14. Information on if and when there will be a new trial is not available.
8/12/12	<u>Bobby Moore Jr</u> (15) Officer claimed he shot Moore when he drove his car towards him.	Josh Hastings (white police officer) Little Rock, AR	An investigation disproved Hastings’ version of events. Hastings had been suspended from the police force six times in five years.	Felony manslaughter	6/13/13, an all white jury declared a mistrial. Hastings’ atty. ignored order not to cite witnesses’ criminal bkgd. 4/8/14 charges dropped.
8/18/12	<u>Daniel Exum</u> (26) Copeland shot Exum near brother’s auto parts yard.	Marvin Copeland (Black unlicensed security guard) Atlanta, GA)	NA	Charged with murder	NA
8/26/12	<u>Delores Epps</u> (54) and <u>Mackala Ross</u> (13) Officer was speeding, ran a red light on duty without flashing lights or siren when he crashed into their car.	Alex Beard (white police officer) Memphis, TN	The killing sparked community outrage. People claimed officers routinely disregard traffic rules , especially in Black community.	Fired at time of crash. June 21, 2013 charged with 2 counts of vehicular manslaughter	On 9/10/13 Beard made a deal to accept a 6-month sentence. “It was a slap in the face...they give him six months for murdering two people,” said Michael Ross, Mackala’s father. “We didn’t get no justice. I blame the DA. He took my family and (only) got six months.” http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2013/sep/10/cop_plea/?partner=RSS
9/8/12	<u>Carleton J. Wallace</u> (30) Wallace had an encounter with officer that ended with the officer shooting him.	Nancy Cummings (white police officer) Alexander, AR	The officer’s account of the shooting changed. She finally claimed she fired accidentally. Witnesses claim she shot him in the back twice as she had him against the car.	1/25/13 charged with manslaughter and posted \$10,000 bond	Cummings was acquitted on October 4, 2013. http://www.katv.com/story/23614554/ex-alexander-pd-officer-found-not-guilty-of-manslaughter
11/9/12	<u>Ernest Hoskins Jr</u> (21) Angry about Hoskins’ work, Reynolds held a loaded pistol to his head and fired 2 times.	Christopher Reynolds (white employer) Ward, AR	Only after the Hoskins’ family hired a lawyer, two weeks Reynolds was arrested. Witnesses reported that the shooting did not appear to be accidental.	Initially charged with murder. On 3/1/13 charge was reduced to manslaughter.	On 8/6/13 agreed to plea to a sentence of 10 years but will be eligible for release after 2.5 years.
11/23/12	<u>Jordan Russell Davis</u> (17) In a parking lot, Dunn argued with Davis about loud music, then shot him.	Michael David Dunn (white vigilante) Jacksonville, FL	Dunn shot Davis 8 times, wounded another teenager in the car. The case received a lot of publicity comparing it to Zimmerman. Dunn claimed he felt threatened. Many believe Ferguson protests led to conviction	1 st degree murder and 3 counts attempted murder	2/16/14 Davis convicted of 3 counts of 2 nd degree attempted murder for firing at Davis’ friends. Jury deadlocked on murder charge. Found guilty of 1 st degree murder 10/1/14 in 2 nd trial, sentenced to life in prison w/out parole.

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