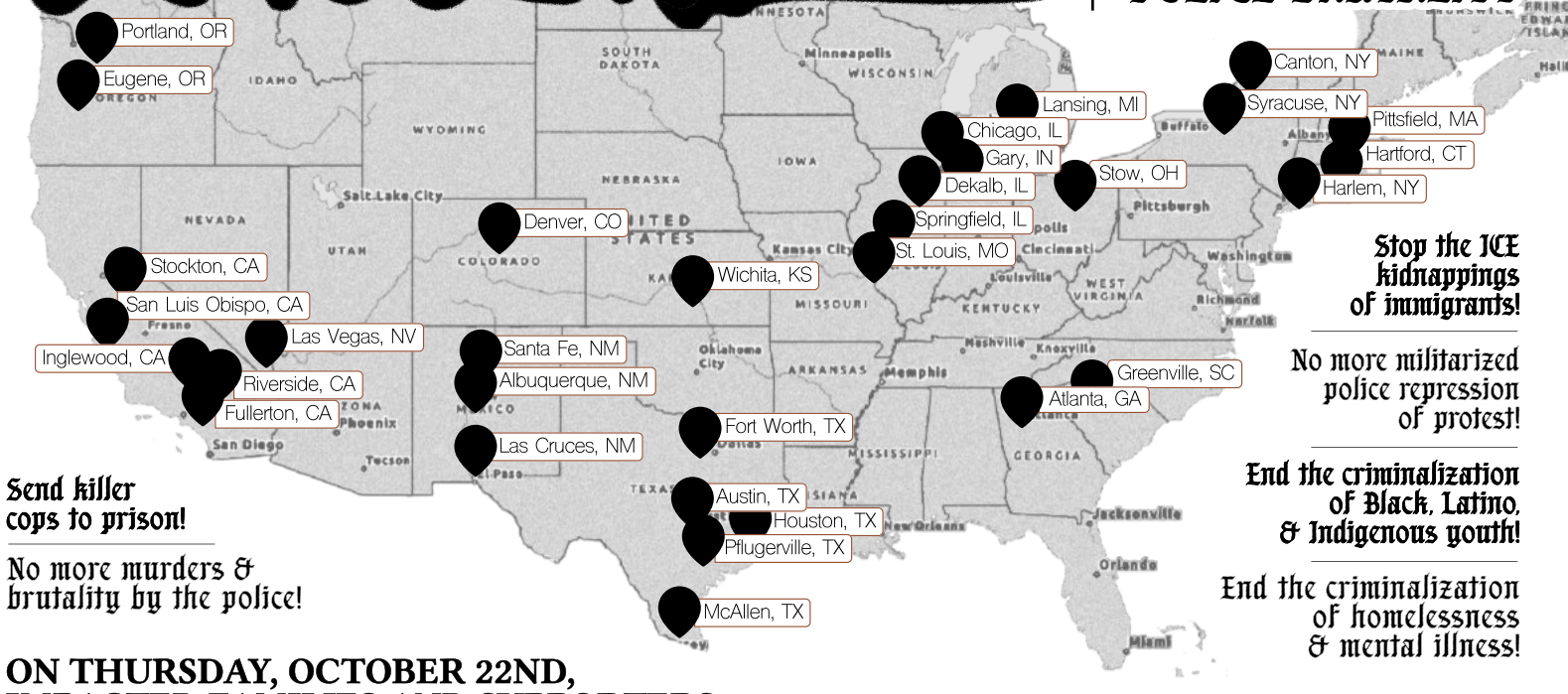
Families Demanding Justice

OCTOBER 22ND

2026

NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY



ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22ND, IMPACTED FAMILIES AND SUPPORTERS IN DOZENS OF CITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY STEPPED OUT TO DEMAND JUSTICE FOR THEIR LOVED ONES AND AN END TO POLICE BRUTALITY.

Families Demanding Justice helped organize over 30 of these protests, from Canton, NY to Inglewood, CA.

We raised up the names and stories of our loved ones. We honored the lives of people stolen by the police just weeks earlier, and those who were taken from us decades ago. We marched on police precincts, confronted the cops, and spoke bitterness against this pig system that runs on brutalizing and oppressing our people.

In Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Stockton, California, hundreds of high schoolers walked out and joined families for fiery O22 protests downtown. Texas showed out with O22s across the state—in Austin, Houston, Pflugerville, Fort Worth, and McAllen—all demanding justice for lives stolen by local police and by ICE. In Riverside, California, 10 impacted families who have spent months building for O22 took the streets together. And across the country, people demanded justice for 1-year-old Kohen Wiley, who was shot and killed by Senatobia police in June.

O22 is not just a day of protest. It is part of the foundation of a revolutionary movement that seeks to end police brutality once and for all. So long as the rulers of this country can benefit from our oppression, their government, laws and courts will let the police kill us. O22 is an essential tool in the fight not just against police but against this whole system: by making our fights for justice and politics visible to the masses of people, by bringing impacted families up as leaders, by inspiring others to take up the fight, and by making it clear that revolutionary change requires us to confront the system head on, in the streets.

Looking ahead to next years' O22 and beyond, it is our collective responsibility to build this revolutionary movement. We must go to the people under the gun of police brutality and other forms of oppression and bring them into collective struggle. We must continue to raise the political level of all people in and around FDJ, and learn from families who have seen the twists and turns of the struggle against police brutality over decades.

We invite all impacted families and all others who want to fight to join us. Post-O22, we've been holding FDJ orientations and political education sessions with impacted families to continue developing ourselves and our political unity. And we'll continue to be in the streets talking about our loved ones.

JOIN US & GET IN TOUCH:
FamiliesDemandingJustice.org/join
@FamiliesDemandingJustice

LOCAL PROTEST REPORT BACKS



CANTON, NY: A group of about 10 people protested outside the St Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, St Lawrence County District Attorney's Office and New York State Police Department in Canton, NY on O22. The protest was organized by Jennifer Baxtron, mother of Terron Evans Jr who was murdered in Potsdam NY, and Northern New York Coalition. The only response from law enforcement was them looking out the windows at us as we spoke. We met an elderly man sitting in his car who used to work for the jail in Canton NY. He said there was definitely corruption and cover ups in the jail and within law enforcement. We also protested on the corner of Main & Court St in Canton where many of those passing by agreed with our messages of justice for Terron Evans Jr and jailing killer cops.

SYRACUSE, NY: In Syracuse, activists conducted a speak-out, telling stories of loved ones killed by police murder around the country and exposing cops for their crimes. They then organized a car caravan around the city.



HARLEM, NY: On October 22nd we gathered in front of the Adam Clayton Powell State Building in Harlem, where NY AG Letitia James has her office. Shernaleria Eccles, the mother of Antonio Casseem Armstrong, a man gunned down by NYPD, as well as the sister of Ariel Quidone, who died due to medical neglect while imprisoned on Rikers Island, spoke their rage against the biggest gang in NYC. Members of Dare to Struggle agitated against the system that is protected by killer cops and COs, and a crowd of a few dozen heard about the murders of Messiah Nantwi, Robert Brooks, Chez Frey, and other stolen lives. Two women who were passing through told of family members killed by police and got up and spoke out against the 28th precinct.

HARTFORD, CT: The family of Everard Walker and their supporters marched down Main Street to city hall. People in the area stopped to listen and get more info. At city hall they spoke out about Everard's killers who have yet to face consequences, and spoke about other cases of police brutality that have happened around the country, including Kohen Wiley, and similar cases to Everard such as Timothy Glaze and Biagio Kauvil. They posted up wanted posters to expose the faces and names of killer cops in Hartford and beyond. Then, they all marched into City Hall where Everard's wife confronted the mayor with an angry group of supporters by her side to grill him on why he hasn't gotten justice for Everard and why he hasn't compensated her in any way he can for what she continues to go through since his murder. The mayor was forced to connect her with city resources before he ultimately ran off, and the group continued to cut through his deflections and demand justice.



PITTSFIELD, MA: Three families and their supporters gathered in Park Square to protest their common enemy: Berkshire County police who killed all their loved ones during mental health crises. Family members of Biago Kauvil, Miguel Estrella, and Daniel Gillis were all present. Passersby showed support from honking to joining the protest. The families aimed their anger at the police department down the street, and the pig-defending DA Timothy Shugrue whose office was nearby. They got the attention of local news reporters who showed up to cover the protest and hear from the families, and the families took away a strong sense of unity from coming together to support each other in the fight against their common enemies.

ATLANTA, GA: College students from Georgia State University organized a march to demand an end to police terrorism and an end to the lynching of Black people. People rallied for justice against this white supremacist system, that allows for the deaths of Black people to be ignored or wrongly ruled as an "accident", such as the case of Nolan Wells. After the march, Kalonji Changa facilitated a panel discussion on police brutality with students, lawyers, and a minister.

DEKALB, IL: A small group of protesters gathered outside of the campus of Northern Illinois University with signs and posters demanding an end to police brutality and justice for all stolen lives. The group was met with support, with passersby honking and waving at protesters.

CHICAGO, IL: Dozens of protesters gathered outside Sox stadium, blocks away from the Chicago Police Headquarters. Activists from Blocks United Revolutionary Network (BURN), FDJ members and other impacted families, and supporters made speeches and rallied the crowd before marching on HQ. Once there, protesters threw wanted posters with the faces of CPD killer cops at the police officers standing between the protest and CPD HQ. Families confronted the police, speaking bitterness and demanding justice for their loved ones, before protesters ignited a Blue Lives Matter flag in front of the pigs. Protesters then marched back to Sox stadium to conclude O22, where participants were encouraged to continue to organize and join the movement.



LANSING, MI: Lansing General Defense Committee hosted an event highlighting the history of people killed by police in the area over the last 30 years - from Cipriano Torres Jr shot more than 20 times in front of Motel 6 for having a bb gun in 1991 to Zachary Dunn shot and killed during a mental health crisis last month. We highlighted the fact that in no case have any pigs faced prosecution or any consequences. We also talked about the different movements that have sprung up over the years to combat police brutality and murder, as well as a discussion of the role of police in our society—their origin in the slave patrols—and their continued function today maintaining class relations and white supremacy. Afterward participants at the event carpooled and did banner drops calling for justice for all those murdered by police here and to organize for a world without police and prisons.



GARY, IN: Families representing four lives stolen by Gary Police assembled at the Broadway Park for a rally with supporters. Families spoke about their loved ones, who they were in life and how their lives were stolen. The crowd of around 20 people marched to the memorial site of Kenneth Williams Sr., who was killed by GPD in August 2026. Protesters then marched on the Gary PD precinct and occupied the front entrance even after the pigs threatened people with arrest. Protesters concluded by putting posters of those killed on the precinct, in honor of the stolen lives and to remind GPD and the people of Gary of the police's crimes against the people.



ST. LOUIS, MO: Approximately 40 protesters, family members, and supporters gathered on the steps of St. Louis City Hall demanding justice for lives lost at the hands of law enforcement. Toni Taylor, mother of Cary Ball Jr., helped bring families together by inviting several relatives of those killed by police to participate. Among those who addressed the crowd were Gina Torres, mother of Isaiah Hammett; Larry Graves, father of Julius Graves; and Nichola Cannon, mother of Janita Vance. Each shared the painful stories of their children and spoke about the injustice, unanswered questions, and lasting grief that continue to haunt families and communities throughout St. Louis. Also in attendance were Dennis and Barbara Ball-Bey, parents of Mansur Ball-Bey, standing in solidarity with fellow families who share the fight for justice. The mother of Emyshoun Wilkins was also present, as family members took their message into the streets, briefly stopping traffic and encouraging passing motorists to honk in solidarity with their demand for justice. The gathering also made room for community connection and youth engagement. Chess Courtney introduced some of the children in attendance to the fundamentals of chess, offering a moment of learning and fellowship amid an otherwise emotional day. Inside City Hall, city employees and police officers watched from the corridors as protesters made their voices heard outside.



TARRANT COUNTY JAIL, TX: 25 people came together outside the jail to protest jail deaths and police brutality in the county. Five families came together: Trinelle from Louisiana, Catherine, Mama Rose, and Jackie from Ft. Worth, Brandy from Austin, and shared stories about police brutality against their loved ones. We agitated outside the jail and named people complicit in the TCJ jail deaths. Two onlookers who were former TCJ detainees joined us, and at the end we exchanged contacts with a new family member and the families connected with one another before we dispersed at the jail.

SPRINGFIELD, IL: O22 in Springfield, Illinois hosted a vigil that honored the lives of Sonya Massey, Terrell Miller, and all lives stolen by police murder. People exposed the brutalities endured by Carrington James and Promyss Davis, who both survived attacks by the Springfield police department. Artists shared their work and protest art, and we collected donations to benefit the local families who have been victims to police violence.



AUSTIN, TX: Dare to Struggle and the families of Anthoneil Williams II, Kenneth Knotts, and Alex Gonzales Jr., rallied at Givens Park, before marching through Austin's projects on the eastside. People came out of their apartments to hear stories of how the pigs brutalized the loved ones of these families, and were familiar with the stories of police harassment within the neighborhoods. The protest concluded after marching on the police station and returning to Givens Park.

MCALLEN, TX: In McAllen, activists from Half The Sky marched on the police station and students from UTRGV organized a walkout at the same time. Dozens of people came out to demand an end to police murder and immigration enforcement, and will continue to fight until all are liberated from these brutalities.



PFLUGERVILLE, TX: Family and friends of Alfonso Chapa, who was killed by the U.S. Marshalls in 2024, marched on Pflugerville city hall before going to the police station to demand that Alfonso's killers be locked up in prison. When arriving at the police station, all cops cowered in shame when approached by the family, refusing to even leave the station and show their faces. The Chapa family is continuing to take matters into their own hands and won't stop until there is justice for their beloved brother and son.



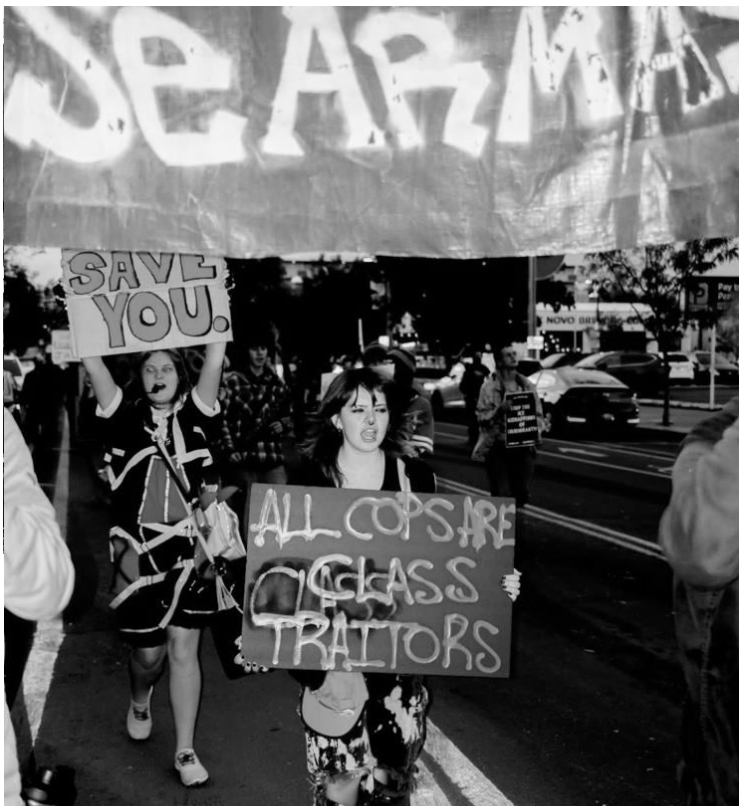
HOUSTON, TX: A small crew of activists and the families of Tamion Kenon and Evan Griffin Lee rallied at Market Square Park. As soon as they took the street, a fleet of unmarked vehicles flanked the protesters and after a confrontation, they were pushed to the sidewalk. The protest continued to Harris County Jail, where all demanded for killer COs to be punished for the murder of Tamion, Evan, and all lives stolen and covered-up within the incarceration system.

SANTA FE, NM: About half a dozen people attended a speak out outside the First Judicial District Court of New Mexico right before the sentencing of Isaac Apodaca and Kiara McCully, the murderers of Grace Jennings. The family of Grace Jennings spoke about their experiences going through hell and back inside the court system, with the police doxxing them immediately, the DA treating them badly, and the media disrespectfully sensationalizing their story and spreading misinformation about Grace. Grace's family compared their experience to how the courts treat families of police murder victims: for example, right away the Santa Fe police released 40 hours worth of body camera footage, including bits where personal info is being shared about Grace's family to the public 'for the interest of public transparency', while police only release seconds of body camera footage that protects their image when they kill someone. Grace's family demanded that #1. Kiara's Plea Deal be Withdrawn, #2. Sentence Both Kiara and Isaac to Life Without the

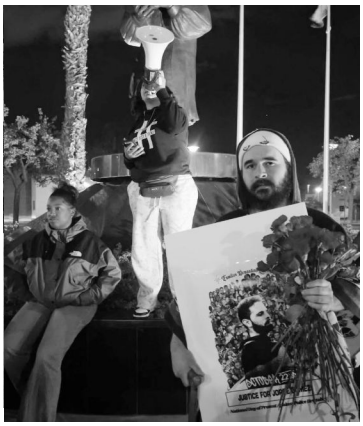
Possibility of Parole, #3 Fire and Disbar District Attorney Hayley Murphy for Incompetence, #4 Protect Victim's Identities in the Release of Public Records, #5 Release Grace's Personal Belongings to Her Family, #6 Release Full Body Camera Footage from the night Jose Armas was Killed by the Police and Release All Body Camera Footage From All Instances of Police Brutality, and #7 Jail Killer Cops.



LAS CRUCES, NM: About half a dozen people, including family and friends of Tony Valenzuela who was killed in 2020 by Las Cruces PD, gathered at the Brannigan Library, chanting and sharing their stories. Protesters held signs and demanded that killer cop Christopher Smelser, who killed Tony, be jailed, as well as all killer cops. Protesters used chalk to write messages that the public could see about police brutality and the need to end police violence. LCPD pulled up right away and called in people to erase those messages, and protesters chanted and confronted those pigs.



ALBUQUERQUE, NM: About 40 people gathered at Robinson Park for an initial rally, then protesters took the street marching to APD headquarters. Protesters chanted and remembered the lives of people stolen by the police both in New Mexico and across the country. While they were marching, APD cops blocked off the side streets, closing the roads, so that cars wouldn't get close to the protest. Protesters used this as a point of agitation to call out the facade of APD pretending to support the right to protest and the 'safety' of the protesters, but in reality is quick to arrest or intimidate protesters. The group arrived to APD headquarters and immediately marched up the stairs, chanting. APD pigs inside tried to intimidate protesters by rolling down their security gate, almost hitting many protesters. But that didn't scare anyone. Pictures of the chief of police, Cecily Barker, and the mayor, Tim Keller, were hung on the doors of the police station and protesters smeared red paint on them and on the rest of the police station doors and windows, symbolizing the blood on their hands. Then, a blue lives matter flag was burned to a crisp. The crowd was energetic and unafraid, and people spoke on the mic about the need to jail killer cops the need to build a mass movement that brings people out on the streets whenever there is a police killing to get the killer cops jailed.



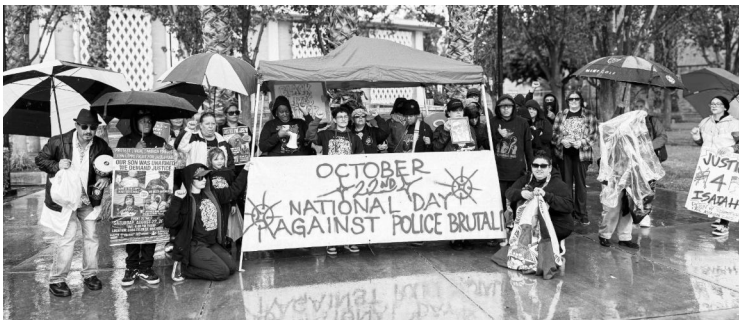
LAS VEGAS, NV: Vegas's idea of O22 was community and family centered. We decided to hold our rally in front of the MLK statue where Christopher Smith was murdered by NLVPD Officer Anthony Malear 10/22/22. We were joined by Jorge's Gomez brother Jonathan Gomez as well as Latia, the mother of Isaiah Williams. We talked about alternatives to 911 and the system, and how we can cultivate no cop zones and community-oriented spaces. We also addressed how Black youth are being targeted around the country and ways to support the impacted families in Las Vegas.

INGLEWOOD, CA: About 20 activists, students, and teachers, some unorganized and others representing a variety of organizations and tendencies, rallied with the family of Bryan Bostic, who died in Inglewood PD custody on March 10 of this year. The rally was accompanied by an LED billboard truck shining with Bryan's smiling face. Concertgoers on their way to Doja Cat's performance at the Kia Forum honked to show their support as the chant "I smell bacon, I smell grease! It must be... IPD!" echoed across the street. After several speeches showing support for the family and demanding justice for Bryan, the rally wound down with a remembrance of Stolen Lives from all across the US.



INLAND EMPIRE, CA: On October 22nd, Families Demanding Justice and Protect Your Blocks, alongside 10 impacted families from the Inland Empire and Los Angeles county marched through the streets of Downtown Riverside, demanding justice for all of their loved ones who were brutalized or killed by the pigs. The families of Peter Villalobos, Jaque Rabon, Jimmy Lopez, Alejandro Campos Rios, Joseph Perez, Isaiah Maciel, Mauricio Barron, Diego Rios, Ernie Serrano, and Jeremy Flores marched together toward the office of Riverside's District Attorney Mike Hestrin and city hall, holding up pictures of their loved ones, whose lives were stolen. The crowd of more than 40 people, including students from UCR, chanted "RPD could kill today, fighting back is the only way" and "Mental illness is not a crime". In front of city hall, families took the bullhorns and told their stories. They demanded the cops who brutalized and murdered their children, partners and loved ones be taken off the streets and jailed. The fight for justice as well as building a powerful movement continues but this year's O22 was a powerful step in further uniting local families. As Tyesha, mother of Jaque Rabon, put it "If we don't do it, then it's not gonna get done."







ORANGE COUNTY, CA: At Pearson Park in Anaheim, the families of Alejandro Campos Rios, Albert Arzola, Fermin Vincent Valenzuela, and Brandon Lopez held a speak out demanding justice for their loved ones and all lives stolen by Orange County pigs. Sympathetic bystanders stopped to listen as families told their stories and called out local politicians who continue to protect killer cops. As the speak out ended, families continued to talk with one other about their experiences fighting for justice in OC, and made plans to meet and discuss how to carry the fight forward. Orange County has seen a spree of police killings in the past few years. Without families coming together to reignite the movement, police brutality will continue to go unimpeded.



STOCKTON, CA: Two families representing Yolanda Ramirez and Rocco Robinson joined forces to demand an end to police killings. Dozens of Lincoln High School students walked out and marched over seven miles to join the protest downtown. These students chanted in the streets for hours while being tailed by Stockton PD, local Sheriff's deputies, and their school's "safety officers". Protesters rallied at the San Joaquin County Courthouse to demand the DA prosecute Rocco's killers. Families read the names of people killed by Stockton PD and spoke about the need to reject reforms and instead demand nothing less than jail for killer cops. Protesters stood their ground when a line of police threatened them with arrest on the courthouse steps. The march ended at Stockton PD headquarters where protesters challenged the coward pigs to come out of their offices and answer for their crimes before beating a bloody pig piñata and leaving it at the HQ's front door. Supporters helped family build a memorial for Rocco Robinson on top of the PD's memorial to fallen officers to remind them of just one of their dozens of victims.

SEATTLE, WA: Protestors gathered in Federal Way, WA where the police have been on a killing spree over the past year. Outside the police station, the crowd demanded justice for Leon Davis Jr. who was killed in St. Francis hospital by FWPD on 3/14. When Davis asked to be discharged, hospital staff called police who then pinned him to the ground, handcuffed him in a prone position, pulled a spit hood over his head, and suffocated him while doctors and nurses looked on. June McClure, grandmother of 19-year-old Caution Mann who was shot in the back by FWPD on 6/24, spoke on the mic demanding justice for her grandson who miraculously survived his attempted murder. The crowd then marched on the police station in support of Ms. June who wanted to file a complaint against the officer who brutalized her on the night of the shooting. After initially being locked out by the police, protestors made their way inside and squared off with four armed pigs who attempted to intimidate them while Ms. June filed her complaint. Undeterred, they finished off the rally back outside with chants of "IT IS RIGHT TO REBEL / RACIST COPS CAN GO TO HELL!"