

## GETTING INVOLVED

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### THE STOLEN LIVES PROJECT

The mission of the Stolen Lives Project is to assemble a national list of people killed by law enforcement agents from 1990 to the present. Through grassroots efforts, over 2000 cases were documented in the second edition of the Stolen Lives book, which was published in 1999. Although just the tip of the iceberg, these 2000+ were evidence of a horrifying national epidemic of police brutality. The victims of police violence were part of our society, but rarely are their lives or names publicized, or the real circumstances surrounding their deaths investigated and made known. The Stolen Lives Project aims to restore some dignity to the lives lost. Though their lives have been stolen from us, we will not allow them to be forgotten.

The Stolen Lives Project aims to speak for victims of police brutality and murder, their families and loved ones, and for all of us who demand justice. The follow-up to the second edition of *Stolen Lives: Killed by Law Enforcement* will be online as a searchable database, and volunteers are needed to help with the research, writing, coding, and editing. For more information, visit the website [stolenlives.org](http://stolenlives.org) or email [stolenlivesprojectonline@gmail.com](mailto:stolenlivesprojectonline@gmail.com).

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### OCTOBER 22 COALITION



The October 22 Coalition to Stop Police Brutality, Repression and the Criminalization of a Generation, has been mobilizing every year since 1996 for a National Day of Protest on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, bringing together those under the gun and those not under the gun as a powerful voice to expose the epidemic of police brutality. The Coalition also works on the Stolen Lives Project and jointly produced the second edition of *Stolen Lives: Killed by Law Enforcement* with the Anthony Baez Foundation and the National Lawyers Guild. Visit the website at [october22.org](http://october22.org).

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**Communities United Against Police Brutality and Families Supporting Families Against Police Violence** for hosting.

**Communities United Against Police Brutality**

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**It is our duty to fight for our freedom  
It is our duty to win  
We must love each other and support each other  
We have nothing to lose but our chains**

# Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony

April 22, 2023  
Minneapolis, MN



*Kobe Dimock-  
Heisler*



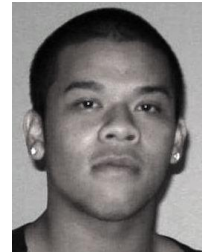
*Paul Castaway*



*Sidney Hardy*



*Jaylin McKenzie*



*Jesse Sarey*



*Tekle Sundberg*



*Daunte Wright*

*These victims of brutal police cannot speak for themselves, but we can and we will*

## THE STOLEN LIVES INDUCTION CEREMONY

The Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony is a solemn, yet empowering occasion at which recent and past victims of police killings are formally inducted into the roster of the Stolen Lives Project. The Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony is both an affirmation of life and a call to action. It allows the Stolen Life, demonized by the powers-that-be, to be remembered the way they should be remembered: by those who love them – and for that truth to be shared with all those in attendance

Since 1997, thirteen Stolen Lives Induction Ceremonies have taken place in New York City and a half dozen ceremonies have taken place in other cities around the country, in community spaces, schools, and churches. From December 2020 onwards, national virtual ceremonies have been livestreamed every year. Families and other loved ones of almost 100 Stolen Lives, locally and from other parts of the country, have taken part and received certificates that marked the formal induction. At these ceremonies, families speak of their loved ones and their struggles for justice, their voices joined by community organizers and others in the fight against police violence, as well as artists who contribute their work for healing, for strength, for empowerment. The ceremonies end with a pledge (see below) by all in attendance, as a (re)affirmation of our commitment to the struggle.

## THE STOLEN LIVES PLEDGE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, pledge that the life and the humanity of these stolen lives will not be forgotten. I pledge that their highest hopes and aspirations will live on in us, and that I will seek justice for these and all stolen lives. In this way, I pledge that their memory will stay alive and will inspire us to fight for justice and a better world.

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## THE PROGRAM

- Libations by **Dr. kwame-osagyefo kalimara**, co-founder of the New Afrikan People's Organization and the Malcolm X Grassroots Organization, educator and priest in the New Afrikan Vodun system
- Induction Ceremony
- Reading of the Stolen Lives Pledge
- Cultural performances throughout by:
  - **Art Blakey II**
  - **Brendan Tullock**
  - **Zekey**
- Emcees: **Monique Cullars-Doty** and **Toshira Garraway Allen**

## PARTICIPANTS OF THE INDUCTION CEREMONY

### *Families of the below inductees:*

- **Paul Castaway**, killed by Denver police July 12, 2015. Receiving certificate: brother Gabriel Black Elk
- **Kobe Dimock-Heisler**, killed by Brooklyn Center police August 31, 2019. Receiving certificate: mother Amity Dimock
- **Sidney Hardy**, killed by Spartanburg police in September 11, 2000. Receiving certificate: brother Molefi Askari
- **Jaylin McKenzie**, killed by Memphis Police December 16, 2022 during a traffic stop. Receiving certificate: mother Ashley McKenzie Smith
- **Jesse Sarey**, killed by Auburn, WA police May 31, 2019. Receiving certificate: foster mother Elaine Simons
- **Tekle Sundberg**, killed by Minneapolis police July 14, 2022. Receiving certificate: parents Cindy and Mark Sundberg
- **Daunte Wright**, killed by Brooklyn Center police April 11, 2021. Receiving certificate: parents Arbuey and Katie Wright

### *Supporting families:*

- **Jessie Barber** and **Calvert Butch Stewart**, parents of **Gilbert A. Barber** (killed by Guilford County sheriff's deputy May 18, 2001)
- **Art Blakey II**, oldest brother of **Kiana Nicole Blakey** (killed by a Cleveland off-duty police officer August 19, 1989)
- **Tenicka Shannon**, mother of **Fred Cox** (killed by a Davidson County deputy November 8, 2020)
- **Juanita Young**, mother of **Malcolm Ferguson** (killed by NYPD March 1, 2000)
- **Monique Cullars-Doty**, aunt of **Marcus Golden** (killed by St. Paul police on January 14, 2015)
- **Valerie Cobberrt**, the sister of retired army major **Gulia Dale III**, killed by Newton, NJ police July 4, 2021
- **Kimberlee Vaughn**, former wife of **Mohammad Isaifan** (killed by Akron police December 15, 2019)
- **Melody Cooper**, mother of **Kwamena Ocran**, killed by Gaithersberg, MD police January 8, 2021
- **Matilda Smith**, mother of **Jaffort Smith** (killed by St. Paul police on May 9, 2016)
- **Andree Smith**, mother of **Justin Smith**, killed by Tulsa sheriffs August 14, 1998
- **Toshira Garraway Allen**, fiancé of **Justin Teigen** (killed by St. Paul police on August 19, 2009)