

# Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony

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Alan Albertus



Gary Hopkins, Jr.



Andrew Kearse



Robert Maness



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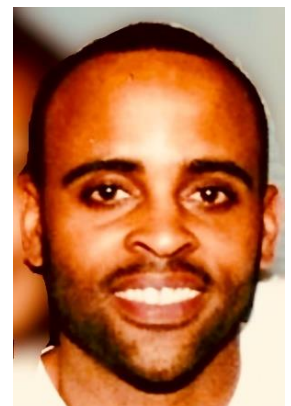
David Jaxon Page



Eudes Pierre



Shayne Sutherland



Andrew Jerome Washington III

*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 over half a dozen ceremonies have taken place in other cities around the country, in community spaces, schools, and churches. In December 2020, both in consideration of and in taking advantage of the safety precautions during the COVID-19 pandemic, the first national and [virtual ceremony](#) was organized, becoming the first of an annual livestream since. Families and other loved ones of about a hundred Stolen Lives 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.

This Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony is the fourth to take place entirely online, with the participation of families in California, Colorado, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and South Carolina.

# THE PROGRAM

- *Welcome* from emcee **spiritchild**, freedom singer, Maroon Party for Liberation, Urban Art Beat
- *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, and **Iya Sango Eniola Oladeji Kalimara**, a devotee of Ifa-Orisa and an Iyalosa in the House of Afonja under the New Afrikan Spiritual Temple
- *Welcome* from **Andree Smith**, mother of Justin Smith, who was killed by Tulsa (OK) sheriffs on August 14, 1998
- *Induction Ceremony*
- *Reading of the Stolen Lives Pledge* led by **Kimberlee Vaughn**, former wife of Mohammad Isaifan, who was killed by Akron (OH) police on December 15, 2019
- *Cultural performances* throughout by:
  - Valerie Dale**, sister of retired army major Gulia Dale III, who was killed by Newton (NJ) police on July 4, 2021
  - Kahlil Khan**, Movement in Motion
  - Jendog Lonewolf**, BlackNative Two Spirit Truth Hip Hop MC, cultural worker, and photographer
  - Lu Aya**, Peace Poet

*Livestream Producer:* **Lumi**, Peace Poet, filmmaker and educator

# 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.

Special thanks to Ingrid Hill and kb for moderating the live chat and King Downing for keeping time

# PARTICIPATING FAMILIES OF STOLEN LIVES

## *Families of the below inductees:*

- **Alan Albertus**, who died on April 29, 2004 while under investigation by a multi-agency task force in Colorado
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: daughter **Crystina Page**
- **Gary Hopkins, Jr.**, who was killed by Prince George County (MD) police on November 27, 1999
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: mother **Marion Gray-Hopkins**
- **Andrew Kears**, who died in the back of a Schenectady (NY) police cruiser on May 11, 2017
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: wife **Angelique Negroni-Kears**
- **Robert Maness**, who was killed by Anderson (SC) police on October 14, 2021
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: mother **Rebecca Maness**
- **Shaquar McNair**, who was killed by Fayetteville (NC) police on October 13, 2013
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: mother **Alfricka Bennett**
- **David Jaxon Page**, who was killed by El Paso County (CO) SWAT under direction of Monument (CO) police on September 29, 2019
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: mother **Crystina Page**
- **Eudes Pierre**, who was killed by NYPD on December 20, 2021
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: cousins **Sharlee Banatte** and **Sheina Banatte**
- **Shayne Sutherland**, who was killed by Stockton (CA) police on October 8, 2020
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: mother **Karen Sutherland**
- **Andrew Jerome Washington III**, who was killed by Jersey City Emergency Service Unit police on August 27, 2023
  - ♦ Receiving certificate: aunts **Denise Ervin-Davis** and **Toni Ervin**

## *Supporting families:*

- **Marissa Barrera**, sister of **Michael Barrera**, who was killed by Woodland (CA) police on February 8, 2017
- **Valerie Dale**, sister of retired army major **Gulia Dale III**, who was killed by Newton (NJ) police on July 4, 2021
- **Kimberlee Vaughn**, former wife of **Mohammad Isaifan**, who was killed by Akron (OH) police on December 15, 2019
- **Andree Smith**, mother of **Justin Smith**, who was killed by Tulsa (OK) sheriffs on August 14, 1998



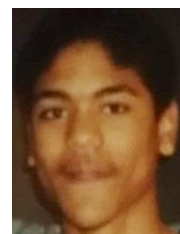
Michael Barrera



Gulia Dale III



Mohammad Isaifan

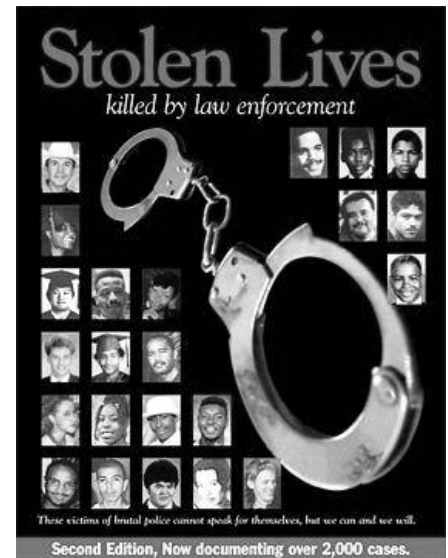


Justin Smith

# 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.

Since Amadou Diallo was killed in February 1999, over 370 people have been killed by NYPD. According to [Victims of U.S. Police](#), over 2,000 people have died through an encounter with law enforcement in 2020 alone.



## CONTINUING THE STOLEN LIVES PROJECT

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 <http://stolenlives.org> or the [Facebook page](#), or email [stolenlivesprojectonline@gmail.com](mailto:stolenlivesprojectonline@gmail.com).

To contribute financially, give however much you would like for our 2011 mixtape, [Voices Against Police Brutality](#) (please note that contact information on the Bandcamp page is outdated) or to the [GoFundMe](#) set up for the Stolen Lives Induction Ceremonies.

## 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](#).



# COVERAGE OF PAST STOLEN LIVES INDUCTION CEREMONIES

“[Remembering Stolen Lives](#)” in *Revolutionary Worker* (1999)

“Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony” in *Greenwich Village Gazette* (2003)

“[The Stolen Lives Project](#)” in *Gotham Gazette* (2004)

“[Activists Hold Police Brutality Ceremony](#)” in *Final Call* (2006)

“Stolen Lives Remembered” in *The New York Amsterdam News* (2006)

“[Stolen Lives Group Mourns Victims of Police Shootings at Pratt University](#)” in *NY Daily News* (2009)

“[Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony Celebrates the Lives of Those Killed by Police and the Struggle for Justice](#)” in *Revolution* (2010)

“[Stolen Lives Commemorated](#)” in *Workers World* (2011)

“[On the 2011 NY Stolen Lives Induction Ceremony](#)” in *Revolution* (2011)

“[Stolen Lives](#)” in *News & Record* (2016)

“[Newark Activist Among Speakers At 'Stolen Lives' Ceremony](#)” in *Patch* (2020)

## WEBSITES FOR STOLEN LIVES

Michael Barrera ♦ [voicesofstrength.info](http://voicesofstrength.info)

Gary Hopkins ♦ [coalitionofconcernedmothers.org](http://coalitionofconcernedmothers.org)

Mohammad Isaifan ♦  
[change.org/JusticeForMohammadLoveki](http://change.org/JusticeForMohammadLoveki)

Andrew Kearse ♦ [FB@groups/2160099070673182](https://www.facebook.com/groups/2160099070673182)

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The Peace Poets ♦  
[thepeacepoets.com](http://thepeacepoets.com)

spiritchild ♦ [xspiritmental.com](http://xspiritmental.com)

## PROJECTS & WORK OF ORGANIZING CREW

King Downing’s *Good Morning Nueva York WBAI*

Malcolm X Center for Self-Determination-Greenville, SC ♦ [wmxp955.org](http://wmxp955.org)

Maroon Party for Liberation ♦ [maroonparty.com](http://maroonparty.com)

People’s Organization for Progress ♦ [njpop.org](http://njpop.org)

Urban Art Beat ♦ [urbanartbeat.org](http://urbanartbeat.org)

Washington Coalition for Police Accountability ♦ [washingtoncoalitionforpoliceaccountability.com](http://washingtoncoalitionforpoliceaccountability.com)