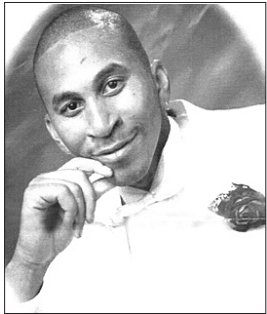


# Seven Police Murders in Chicago from July 21 to September 21, 2007

## No More Stolen Lives!



On July 21, just two weeks before **Lester "Roni" Spruill's** 44th birthday, he was brutally beaten to death by Chicago police. Police originally beat him in the basement of his West Side apartment. They dragged him out and took him to the 11th District police station. Police claim he was later found dead in his cell. Witnesses from the neighborhood say that Roni was carried out of his basement apartment unconscious. Friends say that "Roni" was

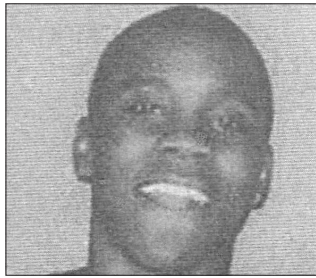
always a helpful and giving person—whether it was to fix a car or help someone move, he was always there for people, never asking for anything in return.

Courtesy of family of Lester "Roni" Spruill

On the South Side of Chicago on Aug. 4, police were called to the Johnson house to deal with a domestic conflict. Police took 42-year-old **Geoffrey Johnson** naked from the bathroom and repeatedly shocked him with a taser and beat him. His mother, Lula Johnson, told the press, "He couldn't run, he didn't fight. They killed him." Geoffrey had been living with his mother while trying to get his life back together. His dead body was carried from the house naked even though his mother and sister begged the police to cover him.



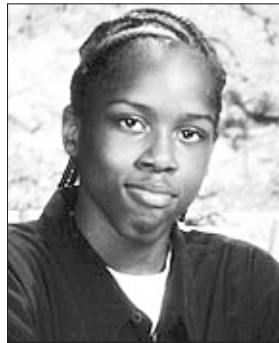
Courtesy of family of Geoffrey Johnson



**Aaron Harrison**, Lil' AO, was just 18 years old when he was killed by Chicago police. On Aug. 6, Aaron was standing by a store hanging out and talking with some friends. Police, who routinely sweat Black youth in this West Side neighborhood,

jumped out of a car, chased him, and then brutally shot him in the back. No ambulance came for Aaron for 3 hours. Police tried to keep angry West Side residents away from his body—including Aaron's mother. Aaron's family describes him as a creative spirit, who loved to draw and dance and that he was constantly smiling. He loved football and loved to laugh and be silly.

Courtesy of family of Aaron Harrison



On Aug. 23, **Johnny Goodwin**, 21 years old, was waiting at a bus stop on Chicago's South Side to walk his mother home from work. He was talking with a friend when police jumped out of a car and went after him. Johnny ran, and several minutes later his friend heard gunshots. According to the autopsy Johnny was shot in the "lateral back." At a Chicago town hall meeting, Johnny Goodwin's mother, Janet Goodwin, said, "Everybody knows my son was no thug; he was in the wrong place, wrong time, they could have shot him in the

arm or in the leg, but they took a life." Johnny was the main babysitter for his nieces and nephews and was described by his sister as a kind, humble person.

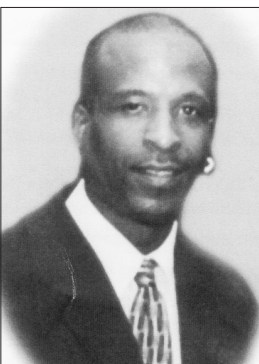
Courtesy of family of Johnny Goodwin



On the morning of the day **Tony Green**, 22 years old, was killed by police, he was laughing with his aunt, playing on the porch of her house. That is how she remembered him. It was Sept. 1—Tony was chased by the police on the West Side of Chicago and choked when they caught him. Witnesses on the scene reported that he was not moving when he was put into the police car. He was pronounced dead when he was delivered to the hospital. Tony "had just the biggest heart," according to his sister. "He would give someone the shirt off his back if they needed it—I've seen him do it." The day he died, he had stopped by her house to leave the Roca Wear hat he had on. "It was our brother's hat and he was afraid

that if he wore it someone would ask him for it and he would end up giving it away."

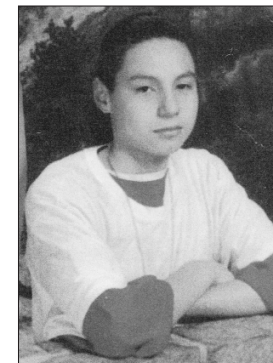
Courtesy of family of Tony Green



An eyewitness described the police shooting of **Fred Henderson Jr** as an execution. Fred was 35 years old with 4 kids. He was an awesome mechanic who loved life and people. Sept. 20, Fred was shot in the temple by police in Maywood, just outside of Chicago. Fred had been sitting in his car when police smashed their car into his. A cop jumped out of his car and ran up to Fred and shot him point blank. Fred was deeply loved by his family and friends. His son Dejon wrote in his memory, "You may not have been perfect, but you meant the world to me. I know everyone will miss you Daddy, but not like I will."

Courtesy of family of Fred Henderson Jr

On Sept. 27, **Meliton Recendez** was coming back from the store, a nightly



ritual to buy a juice before he turned in. His mother heard shots in her own backyard, and when she went to check police wouldn't let her see what was happening. Her son, 15-year-old

Meliton, was shot to death by police in his own backyard in South Chicago. His mother said he was young and full of life and popular with everyone in the neighborhood. She told the press, "I'm not going to say he was an angel but he did not deserve to be killed like this."

Courtesy of family of Meliton Recendez

### October 22: National Day of Protest to Stop Police Brutality, Repression, and the Criminalization of a Generation!



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**LOS ANGELES**—Gather 12 noon at Los Angeles St. and 1st St in front of Parker Center (LAPD headquarters). March at 2 to MacArthur Park

**NEW YORK**— 4 p.m. rally at Marcus Garvey Park (124th St. and 5th Ave.). March followed by rally at St. Mary's Church.

**CHICAGO**—Noon rally at Federal Plaza, Adams and Dearborn

**OAKLAND/SAN FRANCISCO**—  
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