

WARNING: JUSTICE FOR OSCAR GRANT IN DANGER!

On January 1, 2009 BART police officer Mehserle murdered unarmed, 22 year old father Oscar Grant, shooting him in the back while he lay face down on the train platform at the Fruitvale station while the murder was videotaped by dozens of people on the train and viewed by millions worldwide. The cover-up started immediately and continues in the courtroom, with the ex-cop changing his story, now saying he "intended" to pull his taser.

WE MADE HISTORY. Oakland's outrage and anger over Oscar's murder makes this the first time in California history that a police officer is going to trial for murder "in the line of duty." The dominoes are falling: the former DA and BART Chief of Police were forced to resign; BART fired two officers involved in the killing, took away officers' tasers, and is being sued for \$50 million for the murder of Oscar Grant.

MEHSERLE'S LAWYER IS ANGLING FOR AN ACQUITTAL. The defense doesn't want the jury to hear about any of the limited victories the people have won thus far. And the judge has already granted many of the defense's outrageous pre-trial motions. The defense wants jurors limited to conviction on 2nd degree murder or acquittal, and so far, their strategy is working. We can't expect justice with the defense attorney, Rains, former attorney for the "Oakland Riders," an ex-cop infamous for defending crooked cops. In Rains' first brief, he blamed Oscar Grant for his own death.

THE PRO-COP JUDGE HAS A DISHONORABLE HISTORY. Trial begins June 2 in the Los Angeles courtroom of Judge Robert Perry, a Republican appointed by Gov. Pete Wilson. Judge Perry handled the official cover-up of the LAPD Rampart/ CRASH scandal and freed dirty cop Rafael Perez among others.

WILL THE D.A. BETRAY THE PEOPLE? We, "The People," are inadequately represented by a District Attorney with no experience prosecuting law enforcement. Meanwhile the DA has barely objected to Mehserle's motions and has not vigorously prosecuted the case. DA O'Malley is supposedly a proponent of victims' rights, yet the DA hasn't supported Oscar Grant's rights as a murder victim. Is the DA trying to throw the trial? Remember the Oakland Riders case?

We are confronted with a serious situation, judges who can't judge, lawyers who ignore the law and DAs missing in action, but we cannot afford to lose. The outcome of this case will impact all police misconduct cases in the State of California for years to come.

What we do matters. PUT THE COP ON TRIAL, NOT THE VICTIM!!

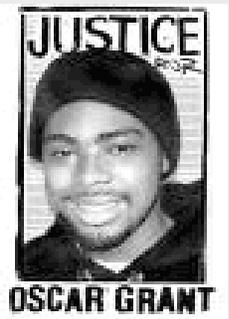
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We are going to remind DA Nancy O'Malley that she believes in the "vigorous protection of victim's rights." Oscar was a murder victim; killed by BART police officer Mehserle. The killer cop is on trial not Oscar, the victim. The DA must respect Oscar's dignity and humanity as a son, brother, father, fiancé, worker, friend and community member. We are demanding that the DA vigorously prosecute Oscar's killer just as she prosecutes any other member of our community on trial for murder. TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA: COME, BEAR WITNESS, SPEAK OUT!!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TODAY? Call District Attorney O'Malley and tell her to respect all victims' rights, including Oscar Grant's, prosecute the Mehserle trial vigorously and to the full extent of the law and to prosecute former BART officers Pirone, Dominici and all others in law enforcement involved in the murder of Oscar Grant.

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