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The police haven't even *claimed* that any of those men threatened them, which they always do in order to *justify* murder. That's what they said when they killed Gary King, Andrew Mopping, Oscar Grant, Raheim Brown, Alan Blueford... The list goes on,<sup>i</sup> and it's an old story that they always repeat to justify murder.

The only person who was hurt in the entire situation was the person the police murdered. *Had the cops not chased them, there's no reason to believe anyone would have been hurt.*

When Derrick "Deedee" Jones was murdered by cops near Bancroft and Seminary in 2010, they said that he took out a gun. They told us later that he NEVER had a weapon, and one of the cops who killed him said: "*We were just doing our job, as we were trained to do.*"<sup>ii</sup>

Just as that cop said, **it is part of the job of police to kill people**. It is a mistake to think that they kill people to *make us safer*, which is what they tell us. The reason they kill us is the same reason they lock us up. It's the same reason they target us with *stay-away* orders, gang injunctions, Operation Ceasefire, or whatever their latest scheme is.

In the 1970s, 44% of Oakland's population **was Black**. The Black population has steadily decreased. Between 2000 and 2010, 25% of Oakland's Black population left the city.<sup>iii</sup>

Every time they kill someone and almost every time they lock someone up, the person is Black or Brown.<sup>iv</sup> Every time they make a new policy, it is enforced in working class Black and Brown neighborhoods but never in wealthy or white areas.

The police are here to kill, contain, harass and cage. That is **not** how we make public safety. That is how we make war. There is a war against the people of Oakland and it is being facilitated by the cops.

Fuck the Police. Know Your Rights. Never Snitch.

### Local Anti-Policing Resources:

Against Hired Guns – <http://againsthiredguns.wordpress.com/>

A People's Hearing on Racism & Police Violence – <http://peopleshearing.wordpress.com/>

Story Telling & Organizing Project (STOP) <http://www.stopviolenceeveryday.org/>

### Local Anti-Policing Organizations:

Critical Resistance – <http://criticalresistance.org/>

Eastside Arts Alliance – <http://www.eastsideartsalliance.com/>

Justice 4 Alan Blueford – <http://justice4alanblueford.org/>

ONYX – <http://onyxbrief.blogspot.com>

<sup>i</sup> List of police shootings from 2000-2012: <http://bit.ly/Zh0HW7>

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