

HUFF Supports *Black Lives Matter*

HUFF (Homeless United for Friendship & Freedom) has fought to expose and eliminate local police abuses—particularly as they impact poor people, disabled people and homeless people. This obviously includes Spanish-speaking and African-American folks.

We encourage the Community to take direction action to deal with police abuse:

- **Use your cell phone to video** police actions that raise your concerns; post that video on you-tube or other websites to inform the community.
- Stop and **take time out to witness questionable police behavior**. Your very presence may act as a deterrent. Exchange contact info with other witnesses.
- **File written complaints** with specific officer's names, location and time with both the police department, the local city council, & human rights groups. Expect no action from your complaints, but keeping a record is important.
- **Join with others in active protest actions** around particular abuses. San Francisco police boss Greg Suhr was forced out after his department shot dead Mario Woods, Luis Gongora, and Jessica Woods without de-escalation tactics.
- **Question mainstream media reports** of police action that demonizes victims, omits independent witness accounts & ignores or withholds video evidence.

The D.A.'s office "cleared" **SCPD's Officer Eric Bailey** who shot **Sean Arlt** dead. Bailey's name as well as the video and audio for withheld four months. Two hours later, the SCPD held a "mainstream media only" press conference locked to the general public, other reporters, and Arlt's relatives. The local press was silent on the closed meeting.

RELEASE THE WITNESS REPORTS AND THE D.A.'S INVESTIGATION

REFORM OR REPLACE CURRENT POLICING TO RESTORE JUSTICE

- +**Open the books** on use of Tasers, batons, guns, pepper spray, choke holds, & pain compliance
- +**End "Shoot to Kill" policies** by police agencies throughout the County.
- +**Cut back bloated police budgets** [SCPD: largest department in the state for a city of 60,000].
- +**Demilitarize** and refocus the police departments from merchant security squad priorities.
- +**Refuse Drug War money**, military equipment, drone, face & license surveillance devices.
- +**Require all officers to live where they police.**
- +**End abuse, citations, stay-way, & arrests of poor & homeless people for status crimes.**
- +**Stop police seizure of homeless survival gear** & unwarranted delay in returning property.
- +**Focus on white-collar crime**; abuses against workers and tenants; rape, and **real crimes**.
- +**Suspend and prosecute criminal cops** in obvious incidents of violence or abuse.
- +**Independent investigation of all complaints of racial profiling.**
- +**Sever all ties with Homeland Security and ICE** (Immigration Control and Enforcement).
- +**Require all civil settlements of police violence be made public** and the officers charged.