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Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Lee, Katherine
Subject: FW: Message from Interim Chief Louis: BPD efforts to address gun violence and focus on public safety response

Good afternoon,

I wanted to share a recent communication that I provide to the City Manager for Council and the Mayor. Can you share with the PAB please for their information?

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Subject: Message from Interim Chief Louis: BPD efforts to address gun violence and focus on public safety response

Mayor and Council,
Please see below public safety update from Interim Chief Louis.

We at BPD understand that the increase in shootings throughout our City has caused considerable alarm and concern. In response to these concerns I want to provide a brief update on BPD's efforts to address violent crime (most specifically shootings) throughout our City. As we continue to strengthen our data analysis team and work to deploy our resources with more precision and awareness, we intend to build on the below approaches to address crime, further our community engagement and be as effective as possible in our efforts whether through intervention, enforcement, or education.

These approaches include, but are not limited to:

- Some members of BPD's Bike Force will be temporarily re-deployed to the south and west areas of the City. This group of officers will provide a visible presence and conduct consistent street level enforcement. Through a review of our data and intelligence efforts we know that a small percentage of criminal offenders are likely responsible for a significant portion of our recent shootings. Bike Force will work in partnership with our Crime Analysis Division and utilize an evidence based policing approach to identify the most significant criminal offenders and those with the highest likelihood of participation in violent crimes. This approach allows our limited police resources to be deployed in an efficient and strategic manner. As we continue to develop our Crime Analysis Division we will assess what strategies are most effective and information most valuable, to be most efficient with our limited resources.
- Our Detective Division continues to diligently follow up on investigative leads to solve these violent crimes. Again, because most of these crimes are committed by a small percentage of offenders, our detectives are proactively investigating those responsible. These investigations must be thorough and thus take considerable time to pursue and prosecute those responsible.
- Throughout the month of December, BPD will have additional patrols on Friday and Saturday evenings. These officers will be primarily assigned to provide presence and high visibility to our main commercial/shopping districts.
- BPD has officers assigned to fixed security positions at the Apple and NorthFace businesses. These officers are reimbursed by these companies for this service and remain at these locations from open to close. If and when needed these officers may be utilized to supplement our patrol operations or provide additional presence in other areas of the City.
- BPD's Situational Awareness Group (SAG) actively monitors all social media platforms for intelligence on violent crimes and armed caravans. SAG also frequently collaborates and shares information with local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the region. BPD often utilizes the intelligence gleaned from SAG to increase and/or allocate police resources accordingly.
- For additional awareness, BPD deploys the highest concentration of patrol officers during peak times when calls for service are greater, generally 11:00 am to 2:00 am.
- Our patrol officers and motor officer(s) are focusing their traffic enforcement efforts on those violations connected most often to serious and fatal collisions and also conduct investigatory stops based on intelligence developed through our data analysis or shared from detectives.
- Members of the BPD will continue to connect with community members on crime issues. We will be participating in a safety forum with UC parents, meeting with neighborhood groups such as the 62nd and King neighbors and other neighborhood groups that are interested, and also working with City business district associations. We welcome opportunities to share information, collaborate and problem solve.
- Officers assigned to our Community Service Bureau (CSB) are responsible for long-term problem solving in our City and often consult with their City colleagues. These officers work with other City departments to address problematic locations and individuals that present significant safety and environmental hazards. CSB also frequently coordinates and participates in various community meetings around the City and liaise with University and community based partners. These officers have also recently distributed a series of short, informational public safety videos with a crime preventative focus (or centered around crime prevention).
- Lastly, we continue to message and ask that community members immediately call the BPD emergency line at [510-981-5911](tel:510-981-5911) for any imminent threats to life or property. We are best able to protect our community, apprehend offenders and gather evidence and witness information when we are notified as events are unfolding.

We are cognizant that we cannot alleviate all fears, but my hope is this additional insight will shed some light on the diligent work BPD provides every day and our focused efforts to keep our community safe.

With respect,

Jen

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Dear Mr. Mayor and Councilmembers,

When you respond to questions about traffic fatalities, some of you refuse to mention traffic enforcement.

I know you're trying to get by without traffic enforcement. It isn't going to work. There were 12 deaths in the year before the pandemic, and we're all aware of the recent statistics.

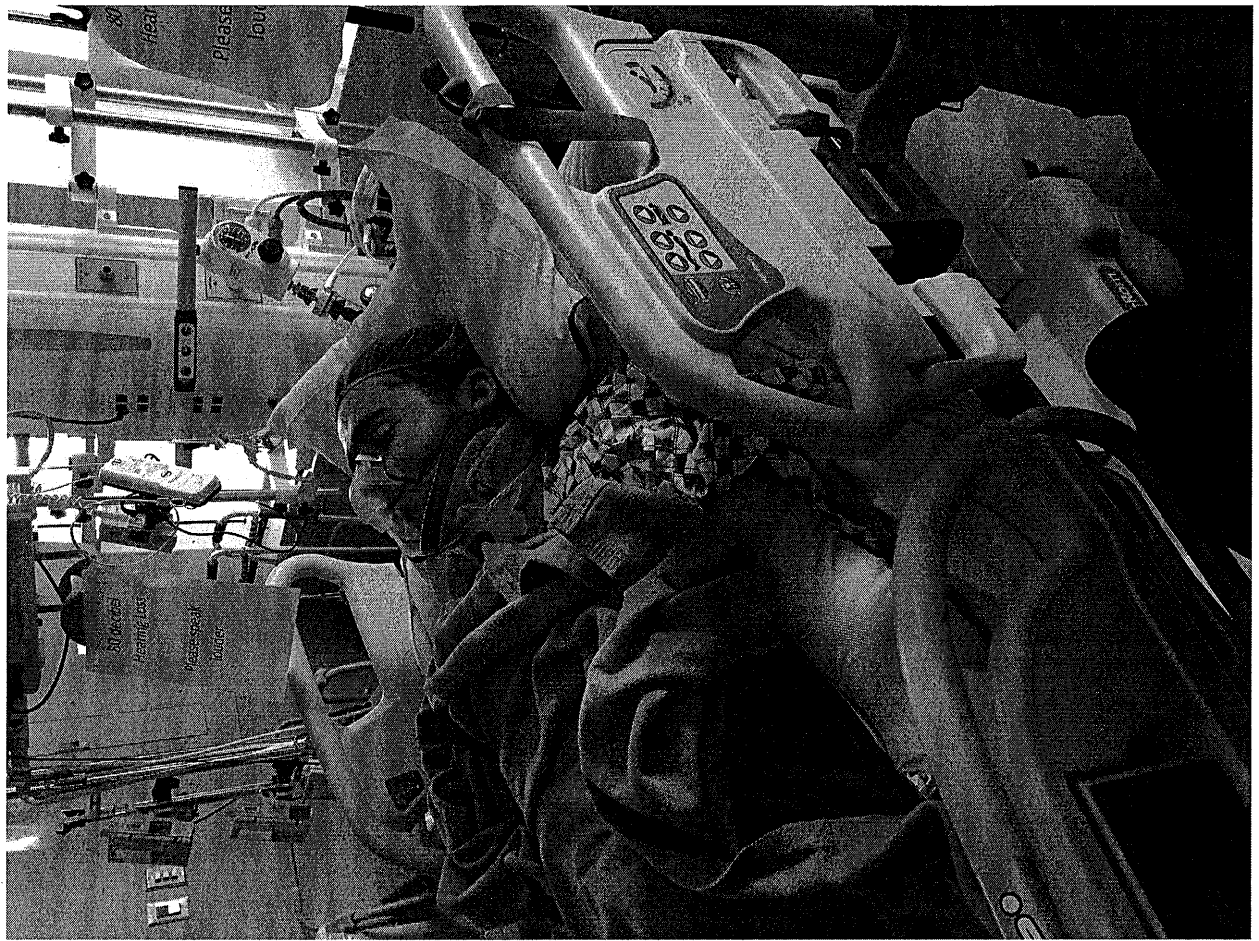
Here's a photo of my son in the ICU at SF General after being struck by a car. His skull was fractured through his bicycle helmet, his pelvis was shattered, he had a brain bleed, and a neck fracture. He was hospitalized for three weeks, didn't walk for six months, and spent nearly two years in recovery. He's fine now, but other families have not been so lucky.

This is stupid. A lack of traffic enforcement does not create justice. It creates trauma.

Yours,

Elisa Mikiten

cc: PAB
Chief of Police c/o DPA



<https://www.kqed.org/arts/13901531/lawyers-investigate-death-of-steve-zumbi-gaines-zion-i-mc>

Lawyers Investigate Death of Steve 'Zumbi' Gaines, Zion I MC

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Update, Aug. 21: The life celebration of Steve "Zumbi" Gaines on Aug. 22 is now an online-only event taking place at 5pm on the [Sway's Universe YouTube channel](#). [Details here](#).

Original post:

The family of Stephen "Zumbi" Gaines has hired a legal team to investigate the circumstances surrounding his Aug. 13 death at Alta Bates Summit Medical Center.

Initial statements from close friends indicated that Gaines, the beloved MC of East Bay hip-hop group Zion I, died from a combination of COVID-19 and a severe asthma attack. But a *San Francisco Chronicle* report on Sunday revealed that Gaines had been involved in a struggle at the hospital during which hospital security pinned him down and Berkeley police handcuffed him.

Now, his family's lawyers, Elizabeth Grossman and Lyn Agre, are investigating the cause of the 49-year-old's untimely death and urging the public to reach out with information.

"We believe there are witnesses who know firsthand the facts leading to Stephen's death. We urge anyone with information to reach out and share their knowledge confidentially with us at office@elizabethgrossmanlaw.com," Grossman said in a statement.

Berkeley police told the *Chronicle* that homicide detectives are also investigating the case, and that a preliminary investigation by the Alameda County District Attorney's office "determined no force was used by Berkeley police officers." The investigation is still ongoing.

Gaines' partner, Millaray Rodriguez Avila, urged the public to be patient as the family searched for answers. "Breathe and be still as we gather the necessary facts surrounding Steve's departure," she said in a statement.

In the days since Gaines' death, family members, friends and fans posted tributes to Zumbi as an insightful lyricist, loving father and devoted tai chi practitioner. A GoFundMe campaign is currently collecting donations for a scholarship fund for his three boys, and family, friends and fans plan to gather for a life celebration on Aug. 22 at the Township Commons in Oakland.