

Israel Hernandez

<http://www.miamiherald.com/news/local/crime/article36462477.html>

Two years ago after a teenage graffiti artist named Israel Hernandez Jr. lost a foot race with Miami Beach police, an officer stunned him with a Taser and then he died of heart failure. The Miami-Dade County medical examiner determined the cause of death was heart failure from the "energy device discharge."

<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2013/08/13/taser-death-of-graffiti-artist-israel-hernandez-llach-revives-debate.html>

"Tasers have become tools of the lazy cop who wants a suspect down in an instant, a tool that police have been told so often is "nonlethal" that they have come to use it without much regard for why they're firing it or where they're aiming."

Nakina Williams

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/karma-cop-tasered-handcuffed-woman-heart-receives-hefty-beat/>

On April 4th, 2014, Nakina Williams, handcuffed inside the McAlester, Oklahoma Police Department, "mouthed off" to the officer standing near her. The officer then pulls out his taser and tases her in the chest, causing her to spasm and fall away, as the officer follows her with his taser still pointed at her. No other officers moved to help her or to restrain the shooting officer.

Anonymous Black Man

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v9WUMCRZ_1Q

On May 24, 2014, a video was posted to Youtube showing two Springfield, Illinois police officers tasing an unknown black man EIGHTEEN times. The man filming the incident was forced by the officers to stop filming when they realized they were on camera.

Lesia Surratt

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2014/05/28/68235.htm>

In August, 2013, a Sherman, Texas police officer told other officers to "Tase the bitch" during a traffic stop, and officers then beat her to death after stopping her for an illegal lane change. Surratt lay on the ground for at least 20 minutes convulsing in seizures before any of defendants called for an EMT. She was in obvious need of medical treatment from the time she was removed from the patrol car. She was allowed by the officers to continue to deteriorate to the point of being brain dead.

Orlando Lopez-Soto

<http://www.ctpost.com/local/article/City-settles-police-brutality-lawsuit-5508039.php>

On May 20, 2011, Orlando Lopez-Soto, 28, is seen on video running when there is the electric sound of a stun gun. Lopez-Soto falls face down in the grass and officers Joseph Lawlor and Elson Morales run up to him and begin kicking and stomping on him. Another officer pulls up in his patrol car, gets out, and leaning on the shooting officer for support, also begins kicking Lopez-Soto. The stark video of the cops kicking the prone man made national news and triggered protests from local activists and civil rights groups

Latrice Trotter

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/apparently-cop-stop-pregnant-woman-tazing/>
<http://www.citypages.com/news/minneapolis-police-investigating-cop-tasing-of-pregnant-woman-video-6566647>

<http://www.opposingviews.com/i/society/crime/minneapolis-officers-accused-tasering-pregnant-woman-video>

On May 29th, 2014, a Minneapolis police officer used a Taser on a homeless pregnant woman before she fell to her stomach near the light rail platform on Nicollet Mall.

"She just like, straightened out, like planked, and fell straight on her belly," said witness Duta Sully. According to one witness description, Trotter was tased because "she tried to get around the officer."

Sheila Chester

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/innocent-woman-taser-neck-knee-face-mom-day/>

In April, 2014 59 year old Sheila Chester happened to be sitting in her car in Evansville, Indiana when she was side-swiped by a driver who was not paying attention. When police showed up they were checking for her insurance papers when things got out of hand. Chester's proof of insurance was out-dated and the officer claimed he needed it to file the report. The officer yelled at her to go back to her car while he wrote her a ticket for failure to produce insurance.

Chester expressed her discontent with the citation as she felt she had done nothing wrong. The officer opens the door and it hits Sheila in the mouth. The officer then escalated the situation to violence by pushing Chester and then trying to cuff her. She was then tasered multiple times, thrown to the ground and had her face knelt on by 200 pounds of cop.

Jermaine Robinson and Phil Sano - Tasered while Black.

<http://thinkprogress.org/justice/2014/06/08/3446294/oregon-cyclist-tased/>

<http://bikeportland.org/2015/04/08/hillsboro-police-tasered-tackled-man-biked-stoplight-records-show-139057>

In June, 2012 Jermaine Robinson was biking near his home when two cops stopped him for alleged bike violations. Cops from the Hillsboro, Oregon police department threw Robinson off his bike, tasered him twice and drove their knee into his back when he asked whether he was free to leave. Robinson claims he suffered a herniated disk after the attack.

Robinson was arrested and ultimately charged with one count of resisting arrest. A jury acquitted him of the charge last year.

A similar incident made Oregon headlines in 2008, when Portland police tasered biker Phil Sano. A plainclothes officer had tried to stop Sano for biking without a light. When Sano didn't immediately stop, cops threw him against a wall and tasered him twice. As one witness described it, "the cop took two steps after him, grabbed him by the shirt, yanked him off the bike, ran him up the sidewalk and slammed him against the wall and then right away started tasing him."

New York Civil Liberties Union

<http://www.alternet.org/civil-liberties/do-cops-just-tase-people-fun-now>

The NYCLU found that in 75 percent of incidents where New York police had used Tasers, the cops issued no verbal warning.

Kevin Arellano - an example of unnecessary deadly force used WHILE CARRYING A TASER

http://laist.com/2014/06/10/officer_who_shot_and_killed_unarmed.php

Instead of de-escalation, a drunk, homeless, unarmed man was shot dead by a police officer who was carrying a taser.

Hans Kevin Arellano, 22, was a homeless man who was drinking by a dumpster near the Harbor Place Shopping Center in Los Angeles on July 30, 2013. Officer Guidry responded to reports of an intoxicated man disturbing the peace. Arellano ran away from her and went through a McDonald's parking lot and into a nearby juice bar. Witnesses said Guidry drew her gun and ordered Arellano to stop and put his hands up. He did, a witness said, but put them back down again and acted like a "smartass," using obscenities and lunging at Guidry as he exited the shop. Guidry shot him dead.

Arellano's family said that they believe Guidry could have used non-lethal methods to subdue him. Guidry was carrying a Taser at the time.

Quincy Smith

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2014/06/12/68682.htm>

In December, 2008, Minneapolis police officers said that Quincy Smith continued to resist arrest so they "used a taser on Smith multiple times, punched him in the head, kned him in the rib area, and struck him in the back with the butt of a shotgun," Two officers tased Smith eight times for 40 seconds or more.' Smith died on the way to the hospital. The medical examiner's report, as quoted in the Appellate Court ruling, says Smith "had a cardio respiratory arrest."

Anonymous Woman.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1spqRxMCC5c>

<http://www.hlnv.com/video/2013/04/03/pregnant-woman-tasered>

On April 3rd, 2014 video and news accounts showed Police in Springfield, Illinois throwing an eight-months-pregnant woman to the ground, then used a taser on her. The video shows her screaming "I'm pregnant" and a man tells the officers "she's pregnant" before she is thrown and tased.

A leading obstetrician says blunt trauma could hurt the fetus and it "can't be a good idea" to expose an expectant mother to electrical shock.

The woman was being arrested for nothing more than "resisting arrest" - not a violent felony.

Jermaine Darden

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/helmet-cam-shows-swat-taser-man-death-no-knock-raid/>
<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/local/community/fort-worth/article16207607.html>

A SWAT team raid in May, 2013 in Ft. Worth Texas caused Jermaine Darden to die after officers shocked him with a Taser, even though a helmet-cam video shows he was not resisting.

Darden, 34, who had cardiovascular disease and weighed 340 pounds, was pronounced dead at a hospital. He died from "sudden cardiac death"

Officer Snow wrestled Darden to the ground for no apparent reason after police forced open the door with a battering ram. As Darden gasped for breath, several individuals inside the residence yelled at officers that he couldn't breathe, but those pleas were ignored. Snow then shocked Darden with his Taser more than once.

Carlos Ocana

http://laist.com/2014/07/03/homeless_man_falls_to_his_death.php
<http://www.dailykos.com/comments/1311694/53853769#c13>

Carlos, a transient whose friends said he had mental health problems, climbed up a billboard atop the roof of a one-story on May 24, 2014. When an LAPD SWAT team was unable to get him to come down, officers shot him with a Taser. He fell to his death.

One man told the LA Times that the police didn't allow Ocana's friends to talk him down from the billboard. In comments to one of the stories about this tragedy, readers wrote:

"I've seen a homeless man tazed IN THE EYE for lingering too long on one of Orlando's touristy downtown main streets."

"We watched as police officers took a homeless, drunk, handcuffed person to the edge of the curb before tasing him so that he would fall face-first into asphalt."

"I have an artificial heart valve, a pacemaker, and a metal rod fused to my spine. It would be better if they just shot me."

Sheila Oakley.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-02-07/queensland-police-taser-woman-in-eye/5244490>

On February 6th, 2014, in Brisbane, Australia, a woman was been blinded in one eye after being tasered by a police officer who was a highly experienced Taser trainer. Sheila Oakley, 36, was tasered in the eye by the officer at her home.

Her sister says a steel prong carrying a high voltage electrical current hit Ms Oakley's eye. "When she went to grab her handbag he tasered her and then the Taser went straight into her eye." She also said that with the Taser still lodged in her eye, the officers continued to arrest her.

Francisco Rocha.

<http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2014/07/20/man-dies-after-being-tased-by-police-in-brighton-park/>

<http://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/Man-Dies-After-Being-Hit-With-Stun-Gun-by-Police-267853391.html#ixzz3n3XAKPV9>

On July 20th, 2014, Francisco Rocha, age 41, died after Chicago police used a stun gun on him. When they attempted to break up the fight, Rocha resisted arrest and fought the officers. Rocha was taken to Saint Anthony Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

Inman Morales

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ob-jSDaroUc>

In New York City, in 2008, A video shows a naked, mentally ill man standing on a fire escape, when a police officer at ground level casually tases him. He falls, hitting his head on the cement, and dies. According to a witness, "He wasn't hurting anybody. They could have just grabbed him and brought him down. But they tased him instead."

Police did nothing to break Morales fall. His mother, who was standing just yards away, was the one who had called police initially. Police would not allow his mother to talk to him before they tased him.

Albuquerque, New Mexico

<http://www.latimes.com/nation/nationnow/la-na-nn-albuquerque-justice-police-reforms-20140724-story.html>

The federal investigation into police violence in Albuquerque, where multiple police shootings were found to be unconstitutional, also criticized

"the frequent use of Tasers, especially against people who are passively resisting, observably nonthreatening but unable to comply with orders due to their mental state, or posed only a minimal threat to the officers."

Donald Flores

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/cop-tasers-injured-hit-run-victim-starts-seizing-cops-quit-resisting/>

<http://archive.wtsp.com/news/national/article/355584/81/Cop-uses-stun-gun-on-accident-victim#cbsvid>

Donald Flores needed help after a June 2012 hit-and-run incident. Instead, he says, police caused him further injury. Flores began walking back to his house after the accident. Unfortunately he came across Sgt. Schultz.

"Are you out of your effin' mind? You're bleeding." said Schultz. Stunned, Flores says he yelled back and then it escalated. When the sergeant threatened to use a stun gun on him, Flores said he implored him not to because he has an electronic spinal device to treat a previous injury to his hand.

When the stun gun was used, Flores says it caused a seizure. "When I was seizing they told me, 'Stop it. Quit resisting.'" Flores was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, assault and battery. All charges have since been dropped and he is now suing the Blue Island, Florida Police.

Jose Paulino, Jr

<http://www.wfmz.com/news/Regional-Poconos-Coal/tamaqua-man-dies-after-shot-with-tasers-by-police/27379726>

Jose Paulino died on August 8th, 2014 after Tamaqua police used a taser gun on him...

Paulino was unarmed, but he wouldn't comply with officers, so they stunned him several times with a taser gun, according to State Police. Paulino was conscious when he was placed in an ambulance for transport to St. Luke's Hospital-Miners Campus in Coaldale, but went into cardiac arrest in the ambulance. He died in an ambulance.

A commenter to this news story wrote:

"Tasers were supposed to be as an alternative to deadly force. Meaning they were supposed to only be used when cops would have otherwise used a gun. Yet now cops use it as a compliance tool, and in the process they've killed over 500 people nationwide with Tasers. Tasers are a tool used by coward and criminal cops to bully and kill members of the public, and they get away with it because prosecutors and politicians are too cowardly to rein them in."

An unnamed 8 year old girl

http://www.cnn.com/2014/08/09/us/south-dakota-taser-lawsuit/index.html?hpt=hp_t2
<http://countercurrentnews.com/2014/12/native-american-police-over-reacting/#>

Dawn Stenstrom is the mother of an eight year old girl who was tased by Pierre, South Dakota police on October 4th, 2013.

Police, seeing that she was holding a kitchen knife, warned the 8-year-old they were going to tase her, but "within seconds," an officer fired darts from the electroshock weapon into the chest of the 70-pound girl, "The force of the electricity shot through her body, lifted her, and threw her against a wall. After the officers had stunned her into high voltage submission, they pulled the fish-hook like Taser darts from her chest, gave her emergency medical attention, bandaged the holes left by the razor-sharp hooks, and called the ambulance."

The father of the young girl said "I don't think 8-year-olds should be Tased anywhere in the world,"

The girl is currently receiving mental and emotional counseling from a child counselor, as a result of the trauma she experienced at the hands of police.

Dante Parker

<http://www.sbsun.com/general-news/20150129/dante-parkers-family-files-lawsuit-over-victorville-mans-in-custody-death>

<http://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/Man-Dies-in-Deputies-Custody-After-Being-Hit-With-Taser-271144901.html>

Dante Parker, 36, was riding a bike in order to improve his health, but because he matched the description of an attempted burglar he wound up being stunned with a Taser gun at least 25 times, placed face-down and denied medical care on August 12th, 2014 in Victorville, CA.

The Victorville Daily Press pressman, a father of five, was stunned with a Taser between 25 and 27 times by San Beradino County deputies, "hog tied," then left on the ground face-down, despite having no weapons or tools that could have been used as weapons.

Parker was taken to Victor Valley Global Medical Center, where he was found to be wholly unresponsive and in cardiac arrest. Parker died two days before his 37th birthday.

Former police officer and professor of law

<http://www.nydailynews.com/opinion/cops-force-article-1.1891603>

A former Baltimore Police officer and now professor of law at John Jay College writes

"Tasers... are used too quickly by police when even less-lethal force, such as talking and patience, works just fine. (Remember "Don't tase me, bro!") The problem with Tasers is sometimes people die, roughly once a week, nationwide. Using Tasers for nonthreatening noncompliance should never be police policy.

Arvel Douglass Williams and anonymous woman with baby

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/bs-md-co-in-custody-death-20140821,0,1262241.story?track=rss>

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/baltimore-police-accused-taser-woman-baby/>

A Baltimore man, Arvel Williams, who led police on a car chase died on Wednesday, August 20th, 2014 after he was stunned with Tasers by Harford County sheriff's deputies.

Deputies say Williams had a "white powdery substance" on his face and in his truck. Officials say tests later determined that the substance was cocaine.

That incident followed a separate use of Tasers in Baltimore on the same day. In that case, residents accused police of using a Taser on a woman holding a baby. Multiple witnesses have said that the police did in fact use a taser on the woman while she was holding the child.

"The police take the Taser and 'flak, flak,' and hit her... the baby was now tipping out of her hands. Somebody picked the baby up. Everybody got to screaming, "Oh my God, oh my God, oh my God..."

Gregory Towns

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2014/08/27/georgia-cops-fired-taser-13-times-as-a-cattle-prod-to-make-tired-man-walk-before-he-died/>

<http://photographyisnotacrime.com/2015/08/georgia-cops-indicted-for-murder-after-using-tasers-as-cattle-prod-on-handcuffed-suspect/>

Gregory Town died on April 11th, 2014, after East Point, Georgia police shocked him with a Taser as many as 13 times because he said he was too tired to walk due to a foot chase. "They used their Tasers as a cattle prod on Mr. Towns."

In all, records indicated a total shock time of 47 seconds. Autopsy results showed that Towns' death was ruled a homicide because the Taser shocks contributed to his death. In August, 2015, the two officers were indicted for murder.

Anonymous Man.

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2014/08/27/south-dakota-cop-indicted-after-being-caught-on-video-repeatedly-tasing-helpless-man/>

<http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2014/08/28/female-tribal-officer-caught-tazing-native-man-17-times-indicted-156636>

A South Dakota police officer tasered an unresponsive man who was already handcuffed, an incident that bystanders caught on video in Manderson, on August 14th, 2014.

Commenting on the video, one reporter wrote:

"Officer X obviously wasn't using the stun gun as a means of defense, as the man is laying helplessly on the ground handcuffed, rather she is using it as a means of sadistic punishment in an attempt to motivate him to get into her police cruiser as she is seemingly too lazy to simply put the suspect into the cruiser herself."

A witness noted: "The kids even said, 'that's the 17th time she tazed him.' It's so sad they were watching & had to count each time. I saw it too. It was sickening."

Chris Lollie

<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/news/2014/08/27/minneapolis-cops-allegedly-taze-and-arrest-black-male-sitting-public-space>

Chris Lollie was sitting in a public space in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 31st, 2014, waiting for his kids. He was accosted by police, arrested and eventually tased.

As the video of the incident unfolds, Lollie says

"I haven't done anything wrong! Can somebody help me? That's my kids, right there! My kids are right there!"

"Put your hands behind your back!" the male officer screams.

We hear the flicker of a Taser and the man screams out. As they move away from the cellphone, the man continues to plea to passersby to help him. As he's being led away he says "I didn't do anything wrong. I'm a working man. I take care of my kids. And I get this? And you tase me. For what? I don't have any weapons. You're the ones with the weapons here."

The officers were white. Chris Lollie is black.

Isaac Yerby

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/08/28/1325341/-Living-While-Black-Police-attack-men-for-sitting-not-resisting-not-walking-pockets>

<http://www.cbs46.com/story/26367814/police-tase-mentally-disabled-man-accused-of-racial-profiling>

Isaac Yearby, 34, no longer does the daily tasks he had once mastered, like bathing and brushing his hair. Vicky Yearby said her son's autism has been compounded by a head injury caused by local police in 2011.

According to Yearby, her son was standing in front of their apartment on Southampton Road minding his own business when two officers on patrol approached him and questioned him. The officers later said they thought he looked suspicious.

"What they saw was an African American man standing in what they consider to be a high crime area,"

Yearby said she and a neighbor told the officers her son was mentally disabled but they ignored them and continued to yell at Isaac Yearby and frighten him. Video captured from the Taser camera shows Yearby removed his hands from his pockets then flailed his arms. Seconds later the Taser fired and he fell to the ground.

Cesar Vazquez

<http://www.alternet.org/civil-liberties/do-cops-just-tase-people-fun-now>

A lawsuit filed on Monday, August 25th, 2014 over Taser abuse in San Bernardino concerned eight deputy sheriffs who routinely tortured prisoners at a jail with Tasers, even sharing videos of the assaults for entertainment.

Cesar Vazquez was given a job within the West Valley Detention Center as a chow server. Soon after starting this job, Vazquez was told by two deputies that they used a Taser on all chow servers as part of an 'initiation' process.

The two deputies tased Vazquez once a week or more. Another deputy sheriff tased Cesar between 20 and 30 times while housed at the facility, between March and December 2013.

Houston

<http://forums.officer.com/t99690/>

In Houston, Texas, according to an audit by the City Controller "officers have used the stuns guns most often on black suspects and the stun guns have not lead to a reduction in shootings of civilians, according to an audit"

Anonymous 14 year old girl

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-girl-tasered-county-fair-20140902-story.html>

On August 30th, 2014 a police officer used a Taser on a 14-year-old girl at the Monterey County Fair after she jumped on him while he was trying to pin down another teen who bit him, authorities said Tuesday.

Ricky Hinkle

http://www.al.com/news/birmingham/index.ssf/2014/09/jefferson_county_inmate_dies_a.html

Ricky Hinkle died on September 13th, 2014 in Birmingham, Alabama after a sheriff's deputy used a Taser on him when he became combative with officers.

Hinkle had been an inmate at the jail for a few days for a parole violation. Hinkle may have been mentally ill because in the process of moving him to another cell Hinkle threatened to harm himself. At that point it was determined that Hinkle was to be placed in a cell that allowed twenty-four-hour monitoring to prevent any possible suicide attempt. "When they arrived Hinkle became combative, refused to enter and began scuffling with one of the deputies. A second deputy deployed a Taser to bring the inmate under control. Ricky Hinkle fell to the floor and became unresponsive. Efforts were unsuccessful by the jail's on-duty medical personnel and paramedics to revive him. In other words he died immediately after being tased.

Bryce Masters

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/09/16/1330050/-Another-Out-Of-Control-Cop-Story-But-This-Cop-May-Have-Messed-With-The-Wrong-Kid>

On September 14th, 2014, Bryce Masters, the 17 year old son of a policeman with the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department, was tased, dragged out of his car, handcuffed and dragged around the car. Blood was coming out of his mouth. The officer put his foot on Bryce's back and moved it back and forth like he was putting a cigarette out and asked him "Are you ready to get up now?" A witness said "You could tell the kid was going into convulsions."

Witnesses who saw the whole thing happen say they watched Masters die and then come back to life after emergency crews resuscitated him. Masters' heart stopped when the probes were fired into his chest. He was without oxygen for an extended period of time. He had to be put into a medically induced coma once he arrived at the hospital.

Charles James Lang Jr.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/09/16/1330125/-South-Carolina-sheriff-s-deputy-caught-on-video-repeatedly-tasing-man-in-handcuffs>

http://www.theroot.com/articles/culture/2014/09/watch_s_c_sheriff_s_deputy_use_taser_twice_on_h_andcuffed_man.html

James Lang can be seen in a September 16th, 2014 video sitting on a South Carolina Sheriff's Deputy's patrol car in handcuffs. He is then seen falling to the ground after the officer shoots him with a taser gun. Police said tasing an already handcuffed Lang, with backup deputies on the way, was because he had been "combative with officers" in the past - not at that time, but IN THE PAST. When Lang tries to make a motion as if trying to sit up, the deputy tases him again. Lang can be heard screaming in pain.

Viola Young

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2014/10/watch-florida-officer-tasers-62-year-old-black-woman-in-the-back-as-she-walks-away/>

Tallahassee Police said that officers were responding to reports of drug dealing on September 30th, 2014. Viola Young, 62, approached Officer Mahan to ask about one of the men who was being detained. Mahan advises her to stay back, and tries to grab her arm. Video recording shows that after she turns and walks away, the officer pulls out his Taser and fires it into her back. Mrs. Young fell face down onto the pavement. She was then taken into custody on charges of resisting an officer.

Jamal Jones

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/chi-pdf-hammond-lawsuit-20141007-htmlstory.html>

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/10/07/1334971/-Indiana-man-tasered-and-ripped-from-car-during-routine-traffic-stop>

Lisa Jones, driving Jamal Jones and their children to visit their dying mother in the hospital was pulled over in a traffic stop on September 24th, 2014 in Hammond, Indiana. Officers demanded that Jamal get out of the car after he said he did not have ID, despite there being no reasonable suspicion that Jamal had committed any crime. Jamal feared for his life. He offered to show them a ticket with his name on it, but the officers summarily decided to forcefully remove him from the vehicle.

Video shows them smashing in the front passenger window, causing shards of glass to fly into the children's faces. One they dragged Jamal out of the vehicle, the officers repeatedly tased Jamal despite the fact that he was not resisting in any way. At no point in the entire encounter did Jamal physically resist the officers in any way, yet they repeatedly tased him.

Gary Hesterberg

<http://www.sfgate.com/bayarea/article/Judge-rules-against-park-ranger-who-used-stun-gun-5813401.php>

On January 29th, 2012, a National Park Service ranger in San Mateo County tased Gary Hesterberg, age 50, while Hesterberg was walking his two dogs. "Hesterberg turned to leave. When he did, Cavallaro fired her stun gun, hitting Hesterberg in the back and buttocks, court records show."

Gary's crime? Walking his dogs unleashed.

The court found that Hesterberg, though uncooperative, never posed an immediate threat to Cavallaro or anyone else and that the ranger did not provide an adequate warning that she would shoot him with the stun gun if he tried to leave.

"It has gotten to the point that not only the police, but Park Rangers, believe that the heinous crime of unleashed dog-walking deserves tasing."

Dr. Randall Cox

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/doctor-assaulted-police-dying-sons-birthday-tasered-times-heart-attack/#4bfgXPvoTbFFb2hM.99>

Dr. Randall Cox was hosting his terminally ill son's 18th birthday in Blue Ash, Ohio on December 2nd, 2012 when six police officers from two different precincts showed up to his door. They were there on suspicion of his violating a protection order, a claim later shown to be completely false.

When Dr. Cox opened the door he was attacked by the officers. The incident was captured on cellphone video.

"Somebody grabbed me around the neck, they body slammed me then multiple people got on top of me then I started getting Tased," said Cox.

Cox was then arrested and hauled off in front of his son, who was left devastated at what would be his last birthday. Cox's son died several months later as a result of his terminal brain cancer.

Cox was tased so many times before being arrested he had to be hospitalized due to a heart attack

George King

<http://theantimedia.org/teen-tased-repeatedly-police-hospital-dies-natural-causes-charges/>

George King walked into a Baltimore, Maryland hospital on May 6th, 2014 because of an allergic reaction to medication. He did not walk out of the hospital alive. People believe it is because police extensively tased him while in the hospital.

"Mr. King began suffering from seizures and when hospital workers tried to move him to ICU, he refused and became combative, resulting the police being called."

When police arrived, King was not calm and so the police "tased him five times." George King died the night after being tased.

"When police show up to a scene and escalate the situation, it can cause momentary pain for a healthy person, but what about a person with a health problem? They are more likely to be killed on accident from police believing they have the power to just show up and solve a problem with a taser."

Jaime Garcia

https://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2014/11/03/18763753.php?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

Jaime Garcia, 35, died on Friday, October 31st, 2014 after an officer with the Salinas Police Department shot him with a taser.

"During a struggle with Garcia one officer used his Taser on Garcia who continued to resist and not comply. Garcia was incoherent, and his spouse said he was likely high on cocaine at the time. During the struggle with officers it became readily apparent that Garcia was going into medical distress. Paramedics, who were staged nearby, were immediately summoned to the scene where Garcia was quickly transported to a local hospital with CPR in progress. Efforts by paramedics to revive Garcia were not successful and he was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Dominique Franklin Jr.

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/breaking/chi-man-tased-by-police-while-resisting-arrest-dies-20140521-story.html>

Dominique Franklin, a suspected shoplifter of a bottle of vodka, died two weeks after police used a Taser on him as he was arrested in the Old Town Triangle neighborhood of Chicago... Witnesses said Franklin had just broken free after a struggle with an officer on the sidewalk and was starting to run away when the officer used his Taser twice. Franklin fell against a light pole head first after the officer Tased him. It was 15 to 20 minutes before he was offered any medical assistance and taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

Anonymous Elderly Woman

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5gxtkmEBGP8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nHz52CXUqPk&feature=youtu.be%20Back%20to%20top>

On November 7th, 2014 in Los Angeles video recorded large numbers of Los Angeles Police surrounding an elderly, probably mentally disturbed, homeless elderly woman, possibly handicapped, possibly holding a stick. She is tased by one of the officers and falls to the ground. One witness stated

"They just beat up, tasered, an old lady in the street, for no reason. They didn't even have a reason to make contact with her in the first place, let alone tase her."

The videographer then said "The police are clearly out of control."

Kianga Mwamba

<http://rt.com/usa/214099-baltimore-police-taser-woman/>

<http://m.dailykos.com/story/2014/12/11/1351100/-Woman-tapes-police-arresting-someone-and-ends-up-being-tasered-and-called-a-dumb-b-h-on-video?detail=email>

Kianga Mwamba says she was tasered by Baltimore Police Officers in March, 2014 while filming the arrest of another man on her phone.

Police attacked her, dragged her from her vehicle, and threw her onto the street, handcuffed her, tasered her, called her a dumb bitch, and kept her restrained. Mwamba, the daughter of a veteran of the Maryland Capitol Police, said "I'm in shock for real, like are they really doing this to me."

Peter Vasquez

<https://www.victoriaadvocate.com/news/2014/dec/13/victoria-police-officer-investigated-for-tasing-dr/>

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2014/12/15/1351930/-Texas-officer-attacks-and-tasers-76-year-old-man-over-expired-tags-that-weren-t-expired>

In December, 2014, a Victoria Texas police officer tased 76 year old Peter Vasquez after the officer claims to have seen an expired inspection sticker on the car Vasquez was driving. In fact, the car was owned by the car lot where Vasquez worked, and had dealer tags.

Despite this being pointed out to the officer, the officer arrested Mr. Vasquez.

"When the officer first grabbed Vasquez's arm, the older man pulled it away. Officer Robinson then pushed Vasquez down on the hood of the police cruiser. Police said the officer used the Taser on Vasquez twice while he was on the ground." Vasquez had to be taken to the hospital.

Larry Urich, a 62-year-old sales manager at the car lot, said watching the scuffle unfold made him sick. "I told the officer, 'What in the hell are you doing?' This gentleman is 76 years old."

Driving with an expired inspection sticker is a Class C misdemeanor, typically addressed with a citation.

Chad Chadwick

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/the-watch/wp/2014/12/18/your-police-raid-outrage-of-the-day/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F31M1i5IP7g>

Chad Chadwick of Missouri City, Texas, had been distraught, drinking, and had gone to sleep in a bathtub on Sept. 27th, 2011. A friend called the police out of concern, and a SWAT team showed up.

"I had my hands up naked in the shower - they shot me with a 40 millimeter non-lethal round. They pinned me against the wall and proceeded to beat the crap out of me. Then they grabbed me by my the one hand that was out of the shower and grabbed me by my testicles slammed me on my face on the floor..." said Chadwick.

Then officers shot the unarmed Chadwick IN THE BACK OF THE HEAD with a Taser at point blank range.

Chadwick ended up with a fractured nose, bruised ribs and what's proven to be permanent hearing loss. He was held in a isolation cell for two days. All charges were eventually dropped and a jury found him not guilty of resisting arrest, a charge others believe prosecutors used to fend off civil liability.

Rodney Brown

http://www.cleveland.com/court-justice/index.ssf/2014/12/clevelands_i_cant_breathe_case.html

Rodney Brown was dead less than an hour after a confrontation with police on New Year's Eve in Cleveland, Ohio in 2010.

Few seemed to care when Rodney Brown uttered, "I can't breathe" after being tased 11 times by Cleveland police officers during a traffic stop. After hearing Brown's pleas that "I can't breathe" the patrolman responded "So, who gives a fuck?" - captured on police radio.

The officers who stopped Brown said the car's headlights were off. Neighbors, who witnessed the stop, later swore the lights were on all along.

Brown is elbowed in the back by a police officer after he dares to ask why he is being pulled over. When he backs away from the officer, he is tased in the sternum and then flees. Other officers swarm the scene, using physical force and repeatedly stunning him with their Tasers until he is finally handcuffed.

A forensic pathologist said the repeated Taser strikes played a role in his death.

An Anonymous Englishman

http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-stoke-staffordshire-30574309?ns_mchannel=social&ns_campaign=bbc_breaking&ns_source=twitter&ns_linkname=news_central

On Dec. 22nd, in Newcastle-under-Lyme, a man died after being shot by police with a Taser during a suspected burglary. The man was inside the property when police discharged a taser shot, disabling him. He "became unresponsive" and despite the efforts of paramedics died a short time later, Staffordshire Police said.

In July, the British police watchdog agency raised concerns over officers in England and Wales using Tasers at point-blank range despite no longer being trained to do so. The IPCC said the technique was "purely a means of pain compliance."

Ricky Jones

<http://rt.com/usa/diabetic-jones-cleburne-taser-346/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTX3asikqcY>

"I didn't know he was freakin' diabetic!" a Cleburne County, Alabama Sheriff's Deputy said on camera in October, 2012. At that point, though, it was too late: he had already used his Taser. Twice.

Jones was a 19-year-old diabetic patient who crashed his automobile after his blood sugar dropped dangerously low and he went into hypoglycemic shock. A Deputy dropped by the scene and ordered Jones to exit his car. When Jones was unresponsive, though, the officer assumed him to just be unwilling to cooperate.

"Do you understand that I'm talking to you? Answer my question. What's the matter with you?" the cop barked.

Video footage shows the officer then asked for Jones' license and insurance, and when he was met with silence he threatened: "Step out of the vehicle. Or I will tase you!" Jones was tased, twice, 23 seconds after failing to recognize the cop's commands.

"Instead of getting medical treatment, he was shot by a taser," attorney Jerry Murad said.

Darren Burley

<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-jury-award-20141231-story.html>

<http://www.courthousenews.com/2013/04/17/56767.htm>

Los Angeles County sheriff deputies Tasered and beat a black man to death, his wife and children claim in court.

Darren Burley died 12 days after an Aug. 3, 2012, arrest, in which deputies acknowledged punching the 29-year-old, zapping him with a stun gun and using their body weight to force handcuffs on him, according to court records.

A Long Beach civil jury Wednesday awarded \$8 million to the family of the man tased and beaten into unconsciousness by unidentified deputies.

An Anonymous Homeless Man

http://blogs.miaminewtimes.com/riptide/2014/12/miami_cops_misuse_tasers_with_deadly_results.php?page=all

Richard Rosengarten walked into Publix at 4:20 p.m. November 15, 2013. Ten feet in front of Rosengarten stood a tall, powerfully built Miami Police officer. The officer's broad back was turned to the law student. Between the hulking cop and a sale display cowered a dirty and disheveled man.

"If you ever come here again, I will beat your ass," Miller said. Then the cop removed the Taser from his belt and thrust it into the man's chest. Rosengarten saw the weapon crackle with 50,000 volts.

The homeless man moaned and curled into himself. Miller zapped him again and then yanked him to his feet. As the officer dragged the man outside, two Publix employees stood nearby, laughing.

What worried Rosengarten most, however, was not the brutality of the arrest. It was that there was no arrest. The homeless man wasn't charged with a crime: He was simply thrown onto the street in pain.

Timothy Whittle

<http://www.alternet.org/civil-liberties/watch-man-holds-hands-and-lies-down-and-cops-still-kick-him-face-and-taser-him#.VKrECCYmjTk.twitter>

Timothy Whittle was chased by Mid-Missouri Drug Task Force police, and caught in early January, 2015. In a video capturing the incident, Whittle turns, puts his hands in the air, then lies prone on the ground. The first detective to arrive immediately kicked Whittle in the face, while the second handcuffed him. The first detective held a Taser to Whittle's back and used it to subdue him. When Whittle lifted his face, blood can be seen streaming down it from a gash above his eyes.

The video differs markedly from the accounts the police officers gave.

Roberto Ornelas

http://blogs.miaminewtimes.com/riptide/2015/01/key_largo_teenager_dies_after_new_years_day_tasering.php

On New Year's Day, 2015, Robert Ornelas' father called the Cross County Sheriff after his son began to rant and rave, a behavior the father had never seen before. When deputies arrived, they found the door to Roberto's room locked.

The deputies were able to push open the door enough to see Roberto's blood on the floor and walls. "Roberto appeared to be wiggling out on some form of drug. He was sweating profusely, his eyes were wide open with a blank stare; he was foaming around his mouth and nose."

Deputies tried to restrain Roberto, but he broke loose, spat and lunged at the officers. So a deputy shot him in the chest with his Taser. Roberto fell. When he got up again they tasered him a 2nd time and eventually got him to the hospital.

"When his father got to the hospital Roberto was brain-dead," Ornelas said. Roberto might have been on some type of drug, perhaps synthetic acid.

Anonymous older man.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/02/24/1366490/-Elderly-man-with-his-hands-up-tasered-by-Florida-Highway-Patrol-officer-VIDEO>

<http://www.keysnet.com/2015/03/06/501559/fhp-could-be-months-before-details.html>

Video taken in Miami-Dade County, Florida on February 14th, 2015 shows an elderly man with his hands in the air tased by a Florida Highway Patrol officer.

An FHP officer tugs on the door handle of the man's car but it doesn't open. Finally, it swings wide and an old man with thinning hair and glasses nervously sticks his hands in the air.

One officer spins the old man and shouts, "On the ground!" The other officer then deploys his Taser at the man into his side. "Oh, God," a woman watching says. "He's just an old man!"

The old man can clearly be heard screaming in pain as he falls hard to the concrete.

Donald Ivy

<http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/Man-dies-in-Albany-police-custody-6174540.php>

<http://www.timesunion.com/news/article/20-million-claim-in-Albany-Taser-death-6329194.php>

Donald Ivy, a mentally ill man, was shocked with a Taser and died following a confrontation with three officers after they stopped him early Thursday, April 2nd, 2015 as he walked on an Albany, NY street. Donald was schizophrenic and suffered from heart problems. He was tased at least three times.

"Police officers, negligently and recklessly, used excessive force by tasing Mr. Ivy for the third time and used lethal force by handcuffing and shackling him at which point he went into cardiac arrest."

"In the video you can see the Taser continue to flash and flash and flash as he was running home. ... You could see that it's five, six or seven times," Staton said. "You can see that they're continually releasing the Taser as they're running."

Kenisha Gray

<http://www.kmov.com/story/28711620/mother-claims-police-tased-beat-her-daughter-left-her-in-need-of-surgeries>

<http://www.inquisitr.com/1988107/st-louis-teen-brutally-beaten-by-police-face-dragged-on-the-pavement-for-talking-in-an-intersection/>

Kenisha Gray was beaten and tased by St. Louis police officers on April 2nd, 2015 for having a conversation in the middle of an intersection.

19-year-old Kenisha was left with broken bones and several missing teeth. She was having a conversation with someone and holding up an intersection, which caused St. Louis police officers to stop and approach her. Once she saw them coming, she ran away. The police managed to catch her and handcuff her, but Gray escaped from the back of the police car. At this point, the police claim they were forced to tase her to subdue her. They say she fell face-first onto the pavement.

However, the injuries sustained by Kenisha Gray were much more severe than this incident would suggest. Kenisha's mother believes what really happened at the intersection is the officers beat her daughter and dragged her face along the pavement to the car, which would better explain the serious damage to her face and teeth.

Natasha McKenna

http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/crime/fairfax-jail-inmate-who-died-was-fully-restrained-when-tasered-four-times/2015/04/11/ede0957c-decd-11e4-be40-566e2653afe5_story.html?postshare=871428890221408

Natasha McKenna died after a stun gun was used on her at the Fairfax, Virginia County jail in February, 2015. Within minutes of being shocked by the Taser, McKenna stopped breathing. Jail deputies were unable to revive her using CPR.

McKenna, whose deteriorating mental state had caused Fairfax County to seek help for her, tried to fight her way out of cuffs initially and repeatedly screaming, "You promised you wouldn't hurt me!"

Six members of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team, dressed in white full-body biohazard suits and gas masks, then arrived and placed the wildly struggling 130-pound McKenna into full restraints, their reports state. But when McKenna wouldn't bend her knees so she could be placed into a wheeled restraint chair, a lieutenant delivered four 50,000-volt shocks from the Taser.

Four law enforcement experts interviewed by The Post questioned why a Taser was used on a restrained woman.

Norman Cooper

<http://www.ksat.com/content/pns/ksat/news/2015/04/19/man-dies-in-police-custody0.html>

<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Man-dies-after-SAPD-officers-taze-him-twice-6209807.php>

Norman Cooper died after being tased twice in San Antonio, Texas on April 19th, 2015. Officers were called to a domestic dispute, the man refused to leave and became aggressive. One officer tased the man, who pulled out the taser barb. Then the other officer tased him, at which point "he became unresponsive," collapsed and died. He was pronounced dead at the scene later by emergency personnel.

A Police spokesperson said "The 2nd Tasing didn't have the desired effect either."

Samuel Calhoun Arrington

http://laist.com/2015/04/23/lapd_venice_assault.php

When, on August 7th, 2014, homeless, mentally ill, and unarmed Samuel Arrington refused to accept a ticket for soliciting donations - and also began yelling about God - LAPD officers decided to arrest him. Witnesses say Arrington was hog-tied, punched and tased. You can hear the taser in the video. Onlookers are heard shouting at the officers, including the woman filming who gets pretty heated, screaming, "You do not need to tase him!"

The reports the officers provided were much different than the action captured on video. Former LAPD Sergeant Cheryl Dorsey, who used to work on Venice Beach, said

"What was the urgency? What was the exigent circumstance that caused the officers to act right now? There was none. If he don't want to sign the damn ticket today, really how big of a deal is that? Can we finesse him into cooperating and not just bully him?"

Ervin Edwards

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/04/24/1379943/-Arrested-for-sagging-pants-Ervin-Edwards-tasered-to-death-in-custody-Police-lie-in-report>
<http://theadvocate.com/news/12134862-123/video-raises-questions-about-inmates>

Arrested for 'sagging pants,' on November 26th, 2013 in West Baton Rouge, Ervin Edwards was tasered to death in custody. He was dragged into an isolation cell. Then an officer repeatedly tased him, keeping his Taser firmly pushed into Edwards for over 90 seconds - 18 times longer than the officer claimed. The officer also claimed to administer one shock but video finally released after 18 months shows multiple taser firings.

Officers then left him on the floor, unresponsive, and didn't come back for 10 minutes. Edwards does not move in all that time, dying at some point in that interval.

That's Not How Cops Use Tasers!

<http://www.dailykos.com/comments/1311694/53854199#c36>

"There may be some justification for using 'non-lethal force' when shooting a gun would actually be a justified response, but that's not how cops are using Tasers."

Melissa Davis

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/04/27/1380630/-SC-police-officers-to-mentally-ill-woman-I-ll-let-you-go-if-you-let-me-Taser-you-in-the-forehead>

An officer saw Melissa Davis, a woman with diminished mental state, walking out of a home that was listed for sale in Marion, South Carolina in April 2013. He asked her what she was doing, thinking she might have broken into the home, then for unclear reasons shocked her with his Taser. After Davis fell to the ground, the officer ordered her to put her hands behind her back, then shocked her four more times before she could respond.

By this time another officer had determined Davis did nothing wrong and was removing the Taser probes from her back. The tasing officer noticed one of Davis' hands had slipped from her improperly applied handcuffs and ordered everyone to move away and shocked Davis again, even though she was not trying to fight or escape. He then shocked Davis twice more, THEN OFFERED TO LET HER GO IF HE COULD SHOOT HER IN THE FOREHEAD ONE MORE TIME WITH HIS TASER, PROSECUTORS SAID.

George Vonn King Jr.

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/crime/blog/bs-md-ci-police-tasing-20140515-story.html>

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/crime/blog/bs-md-ci-taser-death-20141028-story.html>

A 19-yr-old hospital patient who went into a coma after being struck by an officer's Taser during a struggle with police and security staff at Good Samaritan Hospital in Baltimore, MD on May, 7th, 2014 is dead.

George King had been given an "unknown" amount of medication before officers arrived.

Officers warned King to stop resisting or he could be tased, and King told them to tase him. King took an aggressive step, and the officer tased him in the chest. King continued to move, they said, so the officer used his Taser a second time. The officer used his Taser a third time, this time in "drive-stun" mode, in which the device was placed against King's skin to shock him. Seeing no result the officer tased King three more times over the course of 10 minutes.

King, a ward of the state living in a group home, was taken to the hospital the previous day after he suffered at least four seizures.

Jess Cooke

<http://northcountrynow.com/news/new-york-civil-liberties-union-attorney-says-video-ogdensburg-woman-being-tased-disturbing-0143>

<https://www.facebook.com/jess.cooke.7/videos/884263721635146/?pnref=story>

<https://www.aclu.org/blog/speak-freely/border-patrol-violence-must-stop>

On May 7th, 2015, in Waddington, NY, at an internal border patrol checkpoint a conversation with officers escalated and Jess Cooke, 21, without having ever touched any of the officers, was tackled and Tased. On video one can hear her screaming in agony, "Get it out of my back! Get it out of my back!" all because the border patrol agents detected that she "was nervous" in their initial conversation.

The case, pending, has been written up in The Atlantic and taken up by the ACLU.

David Washington.

<http://www.dailykos.com/story/2015/05/23/1387186/-OK-Don-t-have-a-stroke-while-black-in-the-vicinity-of-a-cop>

<http://www.rawstory.com/2015/05/watch-virginia-cop-uses-pepper-spray-taser-on-unresisting-black-man-having-stroke/>

David Washington was having a stroke in his car on May 4th, 2015 in Fredericksburg, Virginia. In body camera video, an officer is seen walking up to Washington's car and using his Taser on him without warning as he sits at the wheel staring forward. After another officer opens the door of the car, the tasing officer sprays David's face with a massive amount of pepper spray.

Prior to the tasing, one officer can be heard yelling "Get out the car. Get out the car, or I'm going to f*cking smoke you. Get out the car, right now. We ain't playing."

The officers are white. Washington is African American.

Gregory Davis

<http://theguardian.com/thecounted/list#richard-davis-0531>

http://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2015/05/31/police-holding-press-briefing-tremont-st-incident/28263079/?utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=twitterfeed

Gregory Davis, a 300 pound former Marine with eleven grandchildren, had breathing problems. He could barely breathe walking, let alone running. Yet on May 31st, 2015, he was shocked with a Taser because Rochester, NY police say he charged from his pickup truck with his fists clenched after being told to come out with his hands up. Davis received medical attention at the scene from certified emergency medical technicians, was then taken by ambulance to Strong Memorial Hospital, at which point he was pronounced dead.

Ross Anthony

<http://www.wfaa.com/story/news/local/dallas-county/2015/06/09/man-dies-after-dallas-police-deploy-taser/28726075/>

Ross Anthony died Monday evening, June 8th, 2015, in Dallas, Texas after an officer used a Taser in an attempt to subdue him. He was 25.

According to investigators, Ross was "exhibiting erratic behavior" when he was found inside a parked vehicle. After officers ordered the man to exit the vehicle, there was a struggle, and extra help was requested. An officer deployed his stun gun to subdue Mr. Anthony.

"Anthony began to show signs of medical distress shortly after he was handcuffed," a police statement said. Anthony was taken to Baylor University Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead.

Tyree Carroll

<http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/jul/10/philadelphia-police-investigate-arrest-tyree-carroll>
<https://twitter.com/Jasmyne/status/619254201948860461>
<https://twitter.com/Jasmyne/status/619253971660636161>

Tyree Carroll was originally stopped for bicycling the wrong way on a one-way street in Philadelphia, PA on April 3rd, 2015. By the time it was all over video shows twenty-six officers tasing, kicking and punching Tyree. One officer can be heard screaming

"You piece of shit... Tase the motherfucker. You're getting the fucking Taser, here I come. You're getting the fucking Taser."

An anonymous 16 year old girl.

<http://rt.com/usa/273769-alabama-cops-tased-teen/>

A sixteen year old girl went to a rap concert on January 16th, 2015 in Rainbow City, Alabama. There, she had an epileptic seizure. The girl was carried out to the lobby where she was "unceremoniously dumped" on to the floor. By the time she suffered another convulsion, her mother had arrived, but was restrained by police from helping her daughter and ultimately tased.

When the girl attempted to raise her head, police officers and a venue employee restrained her. Then an officer taser the 16-year old with a stun gun three times. The teen suffered yet another seizure and became unconscious. At the hospital police allegedly made jokes about the girl, threatening to have her "committed to a mental hospital."

Matthew Russo

<http://www.copblock.org/135693/man-dies-drugged-tased-medical-disturbance-call/>

<http://www.courant.com/news/connecticut/hc-hartford-matthew-russo-taser-death-20150808-story.html>

Matthew Russo is dead after an officer used a taser on him and EMS personnel forcibly sedated him.

Russo, who weighed 400 pounds, began having trouble breathing after being tased and medicated in Hartford Connecticut on August 7th, 2015, after police were called to deal with a person having "a mental health crisis."

This incident was the 17th time someone has died in Connecticut after police shocked them with a taser.

Anonymous man

<http://www.copblock.org/136081/tase-first-asks-questions-later/>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=42&v=XCUCNB-oQ_s

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/cops-dashcam-perfect-shoot-first-questions-later/>

"Tase First, Asks Questions Later"

A dashcam video taken in August, 2015 shows a Lawtey, Florida police vehicle pulling up to a car pulled over on the side of the road. A 60 year old man gets out and comes towards the police vehicle. The police officer does not say "Stop" or "Halt" or say anything at all. One second after the man halts his approach the officer tases the man, who has committed no offense and is not at that point threatening the officer in any way. He's "armed" only with his sunglasses.

Joshua Ammon

<http://www.copblock.org/138274/racine-police-beat-and-tase-man/>

In a shocking video, Racine, WI, police were caught on camera repeatedly beating and tasing 30-year-old Joshua Ammon in late August, 2015. In addition to the five-minute beating, officers appear to allow their police dog to bite the man.

Witnesses are heard to say "Look at how many times there's doing it (tasing him)." and "They're doing it in his ear." "They're still tasing him."

Troy Robinson

<http://www.workers.org/articles/2015/08/26/tased-man-dies-from-fall/>

Troy Robinson attempted to scale an eight-foot cement block wall to escape police on August 6th, 2015. Although another Dekalb, Georgia police officer was on the opposite side of the wall, the officer chasing him used his Taser to strike the unarmed Robinson in the back, causing him to fall and break his neck.

Numerous witnesses claim that police did nothing to assist the injured man, despite his pleas for help. He died at the hospital.

Nicholas Dyksma

http://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2015/sep/01/georgia-teenager-dies-stun-gun-police-nicholas-dyksma?CMP=edit_2221

<http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/news/local/crime/article33137100.html>

Nicholas Dyksma, 18, died after Columbus, Georgia deputies tased him on August 31st, 2015 while he was still in his vehicle. After a car chase deputies broke the truck's windows after Dyksma would not obey orders to turn the vehicle off and a deputy deployed his Taser before taking the man into custody.

Deputies called an ambulance to the scene when they realized Dyksma's breathing was shallow. Before they arrived he had stopped breathing. He was transported to a medical center and pronounced dead.

Anonymous man.

<http://www.copblock.org/142070/video-shows-virginia-cop-tase-compliant-man-in-the-back/>

A short video clip shows a white Fairfax County, Virginia deputy tase a black man in the back as the man can be seen complying with commands to put his hands on the officer's police cruiser in Franconia, Virginia on September 24th, 2015.

"The cop pulls up in front of him and tells him to turn over," a witness said. "As soon as he has his back turned toward him, he tases him. He didn't see it coming. He told him to turn around. He turned around he complied. And boom he popped out his taser and he shot at him."

Roy Sherman

<http://www.copblock.org/62032/man-tased-while-trying-to-tell-deputies-that-son-is-autistic/>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=30&v=JpG5cho55hY>

On May 18th, 2014, in Marion County, Florida, deputies repeatedly tased a man trying to explain to them that his son, who was being ticketed for a traffic violation, was autistic. They grab him, throw him to the ground, tase him, and shout, "GET ON THE GROUND! STOP RESISTING." As Mr. Sherman later described it *"They handcuffed me laying on the ground and put the taser to my lower spine and tased me four more times. I was put in the police car and taken to jail."*

Ruther and Lisa Hayes

<http://thefreethoughtproject.com/police-taser-beat-innocent-disabled-vet-terrorize-quadriplegic-wife-fruitless-raid/>

On June 30th, 2014, Ruther Hayes, a disabled veteran, was severely beaten and tased by Rehoboth Beach, Delaware police during a raid as he attempted to give his wife a sponge bath. Lisa Hayes is a quadriplegic with cerebral palsy who was on the bed when multiple officers forced their way into the couple's bedroom.

When he saw the officers enter the room, Ruther Hayes attempted to cover his naked wife with a sheet. Instead of allowing the man to cover his quadriplegic wife, police threw him to the ground, tasered him, and punched him repeatedly. As officers beat the disabled veteran bloody, they screamed at Lisa Hayes to get up, despite having been told by every family member in the home that she was unable to walk.

Mrs. Hayes was forced to listen and watch as they beat and tasered her husband. She was scared that they were going to kill him.

This all occurred after the two men the officers were looking for had been placed in handcuffs and detained.