

END POLICE TERROR IN OAKLAND

At 9:30 pm Saturday night, July 23, 2016 an Oakland Police Department (OPD) Sergeant, Nadia Clark, was in a car accident on the 1900 block of 73rd Avenue (near Weld Ave). Someone fired a single round at the OPD Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV). The shot hit the OPD SUV but not the OPD Sergeant.

Relations between the OPD and the community are and have been tense for a long time. The fact that the OPD is still, after thirteen years, being monitored by the Federal government; with the sad reality of the current sex scandal; and the slaughter of the police in Dallas and Baton Rouge. All this translates into a climate of low morale, paranoia, and dysfunction.

All this is made clear by the over reaction of the OPD in its unjustified arrest of Omar Shakir Sunday morning. First off, the OPD admitted on television news that they had no suspect and no motive for the shooting.



Armored police surrounding Omar's residence

By 11:00 pm the OPD announced on their scanner that they were preparing to raid 7833 Plymouth Street, the home of Omar Shakir and his family. The house is inhabited by his Mom Faheemah Kayaba, his sister Hadiyah Shakir (with her two children 5 and 11), and 2 brothers. There are also two tenants.

At 5:30 am the OPD carried out their warlike raid on Omar Shakir's residence, with the full gamut of militarized hardware: combat helmets, assault rifles, body armor. They

start off with flash-bang grenades at the front and back doors of the house, after tearing down a section of the neighbor's fence. Snipers were positioned on the neighbor's roofs and other locations. A ten-block radius of the neighborhood was on lockdown. Omar answers the door, at which point he is arrested. The OPD proceeded to empty the house of people. They then searched the house. The Hi-tech terror of a robot was visited upon this family and if we remain silent it will be visited upon us all.

The OPD search of the property was clearly illegal. The OPD entered the property at about 5:30 am. The warrant they later produced read 7:07 am.

The family and the community want to know: on what evidence did OPD decide to pursue Omar as a suspect? In terms of actual wrongdoing—all told nothing.

Omar works as a security guard. He has not spent time in jail for the last 10 years.

When Omar's sister Hadiyah viewed the video of the alleged shooter shown to her by OPD she reportedly told them the man in the video was not her brother because:

The alleged shooter in the video is taller than Omar (Omar and his sister Hadiyah are roughly the same height ~5' 6").

The alleged shooter's skin is darker than Omar's skin. Omar's hair is much longer than the alleged shooter's hair (Omar's hair has grown well below his waist).

Clearly they have the wrong man. Justice needs to be served for Omar, his family and the community.

Omar has been charged with possession of ammunition and possession of a firearm. Total bail: \$85,000. These bogus trumped up charges should be dropped and Omar Shakir should be released immediately.

According to the San Jose Mercury News of July 28, 2016 the police have apprehended a suspect in Stockton and he has been brought to Oakland for interrogation.

The police are treating Omar as if *he* was the suspect: they raided his home, upon his arrival at Santa Rita county jail he was thrown into the hole, a 3 day waiting period is imposed on all visitors, his sister Hadiyah is restricted from visiting him (for what reason we do not know).

For all these reasons we insist:

DROP ALL CHARGES AGAINST OMAR SHAKIR NOW!

For info, contact Brother Harabe at 510-776-2598

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