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Name: Tamir Elijah Rice

Dates: June 25, 2002 to November 23, 2014

Place of Death: Cleveland, Ohio

Tamir Elijah Rice was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 25, 2002. He was athletic, enjoying basketball, football, and ping-pong. Gifted in both football and basketball, Rice was known for his tight football spiral and regularly joined pickup games with high schoolers, winning the respect of his peers by frequently making open three-pointers. He was involved in arts programs in his community, sculpting pottery and crocheting embroidery for his mother. At the time of his death, Rice attended Marion-Seltzer Elementary School in Cleveland, where he was described as a "pleasant young man."

On November 22, 2014, two officers, Timothy Loehmann and Frank Garmback, were responding to a police dispatch call regarding a male who had a gun. A caller reported that a male was pointing "a pistol" at random people at the Cudell Recreation Center, a park in the City of Cleveland's Public Works Department. At the beginning of the call and again in the middle, he says of the pistol "it's probably fake." Toward the end of the two-minute call, the

caller states that "he is probably a juvenile"; however, this information was not relayed to officers Loehmann or Garmback on the initial dispatch. The officers reported that upon their arrival, they both continuously yelled "show me your hands" through the open patrol car window.

According to Judge Ronald B. Adrine, after viewing footage of the incident, "...On the video the car containing Patrol Officers Loehmann and Garmback is still in the process of stopping when Rice is shot." Loehmann further stated that instead of showing his hands, it appeared as if Rice was trying to draw: "I knew it was a gun and I knew it was coming out." The officer shot twice, hitting Rice once in the torso. He died the following day. The medical examiner stated that the cause of death was a gunshot wound to the torso, with injuries to major vessels, the intestines, and the pelvis. The air gun Tamir was holding did not have the orange nozzle that indicated that it was a toy gun.

The two officers were exonerated or any wrongdoing on their attestation that the dispatcher had not relayed the full content of the call. Tamir Rice's family sued the city of Cleveland for wrongful death and were awarded \$6M.