

Rosewood, Florida marks 100th anniversary of racist massacre

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Over the course of several days in January of 1923, a white mob razed the homes of Black families, murdering at least six people and forcing others to flee. Many eyewitnesses said the true death toll was far higher.

The violence began after a white woman accused a Black man of assault.

In 1994, Florida lawmakers approved \$2 million in compensation for nine survivors and dozens of descendants of the attack. According to the Southern Poverty Law Center, they were the only government reparations ever paid to victims of anti-Black racial violence in the U.S.

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