

Protests continue over killing of unarmed Black man in California



Sacramento, March 9 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of California, protests are continuing over the police killing of Stephon Clark, a 22-year-old, unarmed African American who was shot dead in his grandmother's backyard last year.

Demonstrations erupted this week after county prosecutors said they would not press criminal charges against the officers, who unleashed 20 bullets at Clark within just seven seconds and waited for over five minutes before approaching him to administer medical attention.

Earlier this week, angry residents protested the killing at Sacramento's City Council meeting, briefly disrupting proceedings. And hundreds of students from Sacramento City College and C.K. McClatchy High School walked out of classes to protest the decision not to prosecute the officers who killed Stephon Clark.

In other news, in the U.S. state of Florida, a jury in West Palm Beach found former police officer Nouman Raja guilty Thursday of manslaughter and attempted murder for shooting and killing 31-year-old Corey Jones in October of 2015.

Jones, who was African-American, was having car trouble and waiting for a tow truck when officer Raja drove the wrong way up a one-way ramp and approached him in an unmarked van. At the time, Raja was

wearing plain clothes and did not identify himself as a police officer. Jones apparently feared he was being robbed, and pulled out a legally purchased handgun. Raja then opened fire and shot Jones multiple times. Raja is the first on-duty Florida officer convicted in a shooting in 30 years.

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