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TAYLOR BROWN

Then what? With near impunity.
Black people are being murdered and
brutalized by the police everyday.
Just yesterday...

Taylor in tears

My mama was pushed to the ground...
her offense because she asked an
officer the reason for my brother's
arrest. I fear for my life sir and
don't want to be another hashtag.
The police that is meant to protect
me scares me...

OFFICER LANCE

(scoffs)

I'm not blind to the issues, you
have no idea that I identify with
them. I understand them. I'm here
for them. I've been trying to be
here as a change agent. I'm sorry
for your incident and I just want
you to know that it really don't
reflect the vast majority of the
police. There are good cops out
there

TAYLOR BROWN

(scoffs)

Oh yea? Where was the good cop in
you when you put me in cuffs
without telling me what my offense
was yea? Where was the good cop
when my mama was pepper sprayed?
Police brutality has been
normalized and we can't take it
anymore. That's why we are out
there protesting because the
assault and police violence has
become the order of the day.

OFFICER LANCE

Majority of our police officers do
a good job. As an officer, when I
take off the uniform, I still have
to abide by the same things I tell
everybody else. I get nervous if I
get stopped by a police officer.
Its a natural reaction,
unfortunately the media stirs a lot
of that to make it seem like it's
more rampant than it is.

TAYLOR BROWN

It is rampant. What if I was white? Would I have gone through this harassment? There are far more encounters sir... I fear for my life. What if you shot me? Yeah! It means nothing just another headline... maybe not today

OFFICER LANCE

They are police officers that are professional, that are courteous, that go unreported, than go bad. All we can do is be responsible for what we do. If you get stopped, listen to directions they give you, do what you're told to do, even if you don't agree with why you're being stopped. The time to make that argument is not then what you do is comply. When you start to banter back and forth it raises suspicion and anxiety. You don't want that. You want everyone to remain calm. That's why there are complaints procedures out there for you to address those complaints

TAYLOR BROWN

Thank you for your sympathy, the struggle didn't just start today. My parents protested against it. Its everywhere systemic racism, the bank, schools, name it. I have daughter and here I am protesting for same shit hoping my daughter don't do same.

Officer Lance gives a deep sigh.

TAYLOR BROWN

(perturb)

I'm tired physically and emotionally, having to be treated like a nobody because of the color of my skin. That is why we will stop at nothing protesting to end police brutality and demand for racial justice.

OFFICER LANCE

I understand the protests, and its intent to protest peacefully and send a message with the hope that nobody gets hurt that the messaging and the protests and the rallies is not being lost by virtue of these people who were looting, rioting and being violent.

TAYLOR BROWN

It's hard, because on one hand I don't believe in riots, looting and violence, but on the other hand, when is enough, enough? To be black in America, you have to endure; You have to fear the police. You have to hope someone recorded your compliance because you may no longer be around to defend yourself.

Taylor Brown's voice gets cold and shaky

TAYLOR BROWN

(Crying)

I'm weary of living in a constant state of anxiety and fear; I'm bone tired of existing in a system that tells me every damn day that me and my people do not matter.

OFFICER LANCE

You speak of black... white but I speak of Americans. You and I! We all are aggrieved. Bad cop, bad guys but it doesn't stop us from being first Americans. I have black people in my life: my beautiful wife, son, in-laws. I fear for their lives too I pray one day they don't get to encounter the bad cop or the bad guy. Everybody's life should matter regardless of race, beliefs and differences. Every American matters...