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## #SAYHERNAME

### Black Women's Stories of State Violence and Public Silence

One Sheet

Black women, girls, and femmes as young as seven and as old as ninety-three have been killed by the police, though we rarely hear their names or learn their stories, including the likes of Breonna Taylor, Alberta Spruill, Rekia Boyd, Shantel Davis, and countless more. #SayHerName provides an analytical framework for understanding Black women's susceptibility to police brutality and state-sanctioned violence, and it explains how through black feminist storytelling and ritual—we can effectively mobilize various communities and empower them to advocate for racial justice. Centering Black women's experiences in police violence and gender violence discourses sends the powerful message that, in fact, all Black lives matter and that the police cannot kill without consequence. With a Foreword by Janelle Monáe, this is a powerful story of Black feminist practice, community-building, enablement, and Black feminist reckoning.



"The lack of visibility of Black women has changed—and the incredible work of Kimberlé Crenshaw, African American Policy Forum, and the #SayHerName campaign are examples of this.

So is this powerful book."

-Janelle Monáe, from the Foreword

"The United States does not value Black life—and white supremacy threatens all of humanity. The Black women's stories of state violence and public silence featured in this powerful and inspiring book are extremely important. We bear children, so when they are robbed from us, it's like our own breath is taken away."

 Samaria Rice, founder, Tamir Rice Foundation, and mother of Tamir Rice "Reading #SayHerName is an act of solidarity, refusal, and love. Every piercing story in this book, every Black woman heartlessly murdered by the police, had a mother, a sister, a family, a community. Every one of them matters."

—V (formerly Eve Ensler), author of The Vagina Monologues and Reckoning

"In addition to breaking the silence by offering poignant and loving stories of the black girls and women violated by state violence, #SayHerName also documents the organizations and strategies that have been created to combat that violence. In its powerful accumulation of memories and testimonies, we should read this book, then, as providing the resources for a much-needed movement."

-Roderick A. Ferguson, Yale University



**Kimberlé Crenshaw,** Professor of Law at UCLA and Columbia Law School, is a leading authority in the area of Civil Rights, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism, and the law. Her work has been foundational in two fields of study that have come to be known by terms that she coined: Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality. She co-founded and serves as the Executive Director of the African American Policy Forum.

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## #SAYHERNAME TALKING POINTS



- "#SayHerName champions individual victims of state violence, emphasizing the importance of their stories."
- "Overlooked and underreported, the book highlights Black women's susceptibility to police brutality, a pressing issue demanding visibility."
- "Dr. Crenshaw emphasizes the role of storytelling and ritual as tools for community mobilization and advocating racial justice."
- "Using the lens of intersectionality, Dr. Crenshaw's work illuminates the complex issue of police violence against Black women."
- "Dr. Crenshaw's book contributes significantly to the discourse on Black feminist practice, community-building, and reckoning."
- "#SayHerName shatters public silence around state violence, a crucial step towards fostering change."
- "The societal conversation about racial justice and police violence has been significantly influenced by Dr. Crenshaw's #SayHerName campaign and book."
- "Community engagements and town halls have shaped the narratives in Dr. Crenshaw's book, revealing the value of grassroots involvement."
- "Dr. Crenshaw dissects the role of racial patriarchy in instances of state violence against Black women, spotlighting an oftenignored aspect of systemic violence."
- "#SayHerName confronts and challenges harmful stereotypes about Black women that fuel police violence and public apathy."
- "Support networks play a critical role in combating systemic racial violence, a point underscored by Dr. Crenshaw's discussion of the Mothers Network."
- "By demanding recognition for Black women's deaths by police, #SayHerName highlights how public acknowledgment impacts the trauma and mourning process."
- "Dr. Crenshaw's book calls for a counternarrative to shed light on forgotten victims of police violence, pushing for historical recovery despite ingrained biases."

## SOME SAMPLE QUESTIONS DR. CRENSHAW COULD ANSWER:

- "The heartbreaking examples you share in your book such as Rekia Boyd,
  Tanisha Anderson, and Mya Hall illustrate a devastating pattern of violence
  against Black women. How do you hope these individual narratives will
  reshape the collective understanding of state violence?"
- "You emphasize the urgency of acknowledging and remembering the victims of state violence in your book. Can you speak more about the power of remembrance and its role in creating social change?"
- "Your book touches upon the issue of state violence against Black transgender women. Can you delve deeper into this aspect and how it further illuminates the complexities of intersectionality?"
- "The book explores systemic racism and institutionalized misogyny in its discussion of state violence against Black women. Can you talk about how these two systems of oppression interact?"
- "Your book details how narratives of Black women victims are often overlooked or ignored. What strategies do you propose to amplify these stories within the broader movement against police brutality?"
- "How does your book suggest we can use the understanding and acknowledgement of Black women's unique experiences with state violence to inform policy changes and legislative action?"
- "You examine the role of state institutions in perpetuating violence against Black women. Can you talk about how this critique can be used to catalyze institutional changes?"
- "Can you speak more about the role of grassroots movements and community organization in resisting state violence against Black women, as discussed in your book?"
- "Your book promotes a sense of solidarity and shared struggle. How do you
  envision this sense of unity informing future actions against state violence?"
- "The book encourages readers to consider the historical and societal context in which state violence occurs. Can you speak more about the importance of this context?"
- "Can you discuss how your book situates the issue of state violence against Black women within the larger struggle for Black liberation and racial justice?"
- "You argue that the lives of Black women are devalued not only by state violence but also by societal indifference. How does your book challenge this indifference?"
- "Can you discuss the connection your book makes between police violence, the prison-industrial complex, and the larger structures of racial capitalism?"
- "How do you envision your book informing future research into the intersecting issues of race, gender, class, and state violence?"
- "What strategies does your book suggest for disrupting and dismantling the systemic and intersectional oppressions that contribute to state violence against Black women?"



# In Memoriam #SayHerName



Michelle Cusseaux (August 17, 1963–August 14, 2014) #SAYHERNAME



Shelly Frey
(April 21, 1985–December 6, 2012)
#SAYHERNAME



Miriam Carey
(August 12, 1979–October 3, 2013)
#SAYHERNAME



India Kager (June 9, 1988–September 5, 2015) #SAYHERNAME



Korryn Gaines (August 24, 1992-August 1, 2016) #SAYHERNAME



Tanisha Anderson (January 22, 1977–November 13, 2014) #SAYHERNAME



Kayla Moore
(April 17, 1971–February 13, 2013)
#SAYHERNAME



Atatiana Jefferson (November 28, 1990-October 12, 2019) #SAYHERNAME



Michelle Shirley
(May 20 1977–October 31 2016)
#SAYHERNAME

## #SayHerName

Homicides: 1975-2022

Total: 177 women

Denise Hawkins

Rochester, NY • November 11, 1975 • 18

Eulia Mae Love

Los Angeles, CA • January 3, 1979 • 39

Sherry Singleton

New Orleans, LA • November 13, 1980 • 26

**Eleanor Bumpurs** 

New York, NY • October 29, 1984 • 66

Rhonda Harris Ward Africa

Philadelphia, PA • May 13, 1985 • 30

Theresa Brooks Africa

Philadelphia, PA • May 13, 1985 • 26

Netta Africa

Philadelphia, PA • May 13, 1985 • 11

Delisha Africa

Philadelphia, PA • May 13, 1985 • 9

Rebecca Garnett

Gaithersburg, MD • May 23, 1991 • 20

Sonji Taylor

Los Angeles, CA • December 16, 1993 • 27

Kim Groves

New Orleans, LA • October 13, 1994 • 32

Carolyn Adams

New Brunswick, NJ • September 10, 1996 • 39

Frankie Ann Perkins

Chicago, IL • March 22, 1997 • 37

Dannette Daniels

Newark, NJ • June 8, 1997 • 31

Cora Bell Jones

Detroit, MI • August 13, 1998 • 79

Tyisha Miller

Riverside, CA • December 28, 1998 • 19

Margaret LaVerne Mitchell

Los Angeles, CA • May 21, 1999 • 55

LaTanya Haggerty

Chicago, IL • June 4, 1999 • 26

Andrea Hall

Orlando, FL • July 25, 2000 • 40

Annette Green

Wellston, MO • February 6, 2001 • 37

Andrena Kitt

Pensacola, FL • February 26, 2001 • 21

Andrea Nicole Reedy

Hampton, VA • July 27, 2001 • 32

Melanie Jones

Newport News, VA • December 21, 2001 • 21

Marcella Byrd

Long Beach, CA • January 19, 2002 • 57

Sophia King

Austin, TX • June 11, 2002 • 23

LaVeta Jackson

Boston, MA • July 2, 2002 • 36

Martha Donald

Minneapolis, MN • August 1, 2002 • 60

Tessa Hardeman

Atlanta, GA • August 5, 2002 • 35

Nizah Morris

Philadelphia, PA • December 24, 2002 • 47

Charquisa Johnson

Washington, D.C. • April 26, 2003 • 23

Kendra James

Portland, OR • May 5, 2003 • 21

Alberta Spruill

New York, NY • May 16, 2003 • 57

Denise Michelle Washington

Aurora, CO • August 5, 2003 • 30

Tereshea Tasha Daniel

Tulsa, OK • October 15, 2003 • 20

Adebusola Tairu

Culver City, CA • October 22, 2003 • 26

**Annie Holiday** 

Cherokee, AL • March 12, 2004 • 78

Andrea Umphrey

Monroeville, PA · April 18, 2004 · 35

Summer Marie Lane

Riverside, CA • December 6, 2004 • UNKNOWN

Carolyn Jean Daniels

Fort Worth, TX • June 24, 2005 • 35

Patricia Thompson

Rochester, NY • March 3, 2006 • 54

**Emily Marie Delafield** 

Green Cove Springs, FL . April 24, 2006 . 56

Erika Tyrone

Houston, TX • June 19, 2006 • 28

Rekha Kalawattie Budhai

Dekalb County, GA • November 13, 2006 • 34

Kathryn Johnston

Atlanta, GA • November 21, 2006 • 92

Clara Morris

Plainview, TX • January 25, 2007 • 54

Linda Joyce Friday

Kansas City, MO • February 12, 2007 • 55

Marnell Robertson Villarreal

Houston, TX • May 6, 2007 • 42

Dougressa Elaine Crawford

Corpus Christi, TX • May 7, 2007 • 27

Milisha Thompson

Oklahoma City, OK • May 19, 2007 • 35

Denise Nicole Glasco

Las Vegas, NV • June 12, 2007 • 24

Dorothy Williams-Johnson

Chicago, IL • July 15, 2007 • 50

Reora Askew

Philadelphia, PA • September 8, 2007 • 38

Elaine Coleman

Hawthorne, CA • September 9, 2007 • 21

Tarika Wilson

Lima, OH • January 4, 2008 • 26

**Anita Gay** 

Berkeley, CA • February 16, 2008 • 51

LaToya Grier

Jacksonville, FL • April 1, 2008 • 22

Lori Jean Ellis

Cassatt, SC • April 21, 2008 • 52

Tameika Jordan

Norfolk, VA • August 9, 2008 • 17

Duanna Johnson

Memphis, TN • November 10, 2008 • 43

**Barbara Stewart** 

Biddeford, ME • March 24, 2009 • 47

Brenda Williams

Scranton, PA • May 28, 2009 • 52

Yvette Williams

Rock Hill, SC • June 4, 2009 • 15

Tiraneka Jenkins

Charleston, SC • July 14, 2009 • 26

Amanda Anderson

Jersey City, NJ • July 16, 2009 • 22

Martina Brown

Jersey City, NJ • July 21, 2009 • 58

Katherine Hysaw

Phoenix, AZ • September 9, 2009 • 32

Sarah Riggins

Albany, GA • October 23, 2009 • 49

Linda Hicks

Toledo, OH • December 14, 2009 • 62

Sukeba Jackson-Olawunmi

Atlanta, GA • May 15, 2010 • 40

Aiyana Mo'Nay Stanley-Jones

Detroit, MI • May 16, 2010 • 7

Arika Hainesworth

Pittsburgh, PA • July 11, 2010 • 24

Letha Coretta Adams

Muskogee, OK · October 1, 2010 · 38

Ciara Lee

Houston, TX • December 16, 2010 • 20

Gwendolyn Killings

San Leandro, CA • December 29, 2010 • 39

Carolyn Moran-Hernandez

Lakewood, WA • February 14, 2011 • 46

Derrinesha Clay

Lansing, MI • March 14, 2011 • 17

Brenda Williams

Watts, CA • April 27, 2011 • 57

Armetta Foster

Bradley County, TN • May 21, 2011 • 30

Catawaba Howard

Miami-Dade, FL • August 12, 2011 • 32

Denise Gay

New York City, NY • September 5, 2011 • 56

Yvonne McNeal

New York City, NY • October 1, 2011 • 57

Jameela Barnette

Marietta, GA • December 25, 2011 • 53

Shereese Francis

Queens, NY • March 15, 2012 • 30

Rekia Boyd

Chicago, IL • March 21, 2012 • 22

**Sharmel Edwards** 

Las Vegas, NV • April 21, 2012 • 49

Shantel Davis

New York, NY • June 14, 2012 • 23

Alesia Thomas

Los Angeles, CA • July 22, 2012 • 35

Erica Collins

Cincinnati, OH • October 13, 2012 • 26

Malissa Williams

Cleveland, OH • November 29, 2012 • 30

Darnesha Harris

Breaux Bridge, LA • December 2, 2012 • 17

Shelly Frey

Houston, TX • December 6, 2012 • 27

Yolanda Thomas

Westwood Lakes, FL • January 4, 2013 • 34

Linda Sue Davis

Tamarac, FL • January 9, 2013 • 60

Barbara Lassere

LaPlace, LA • January 24, 2013 • 60

Kayla Moore

Berkeley, CA • February 12, 2013 • 41

Kendra Diggs

Baltimore, MD • May 7, 2013 • 37

Kourtney Hahn

Clintonville, OH • May 15, 2013 • 21

Miriam Carey

Washington, DC • October 3, 2013 • 34

Angelique Styles

Chicago, IL • October 24, 2013 • 60

Sharon Rebecca McDowell

Anderson, SC • December 20, 2013 • 49

Ariel Levy

Hayward, CA • February 4, 2014 • 62

Yvette Smith

Anderson, TX • February 16, 2014 • 47

Gabriella Nevarez

Citrus Heights, CA • March 2, 2014 • 22

Pearlie Golden

Hearne, TX • May 6, 2014 • 93

Angela Beatrice Randolph

Glen Burnie, MD • June 7, 2014 • 38

Michelle Cusseaux

Phoenix, AZ • August 14, 2014 • 50

Tracy Ann Oglesby Wade

Louisville, KY • October 1, 2014 • 39

Aura Rosser

Ann Arbor, MI · November 9, 2014 · 40

Tanisha Anderson

Cleveland, OH • November 13, 2014 • 37

Yuvette Henderson

Oakland, CA • February 3, 2015 • 38

Janisha Fonville

Charlotte, NC • February 18, 2015 • 20

Monique Jenee Deckard

Anaheim, CA • March 8, 2015 • 43

Meagan Hockaday

Oxnard, CA • March 28, 2015 • 26

Mya Hall

Fort Meade, MD • March 30, 2015 • 27

Alexia Christian

Atlanta, GA • April 30, 2015 • 26

Redel Jones

Baldwin Hills, CA • August 12, 2015 • 30

India Kager

Virginia Beach, VA • September 5, 2015 • 28

Marguesha McMillan

Washington, D.C. • October 26, 2015 • 21

Bettie Jones

Chicago, IL • December 26, 2015 • 55

Janet Wilson

Dearborn, MI • January 27, 2016 • 31

Sahlah Ridgeway

Syracuse, NY • February 12, 2016 • 32

Kisha Michael

Inglewood, CA • February 21, 2016 • 31

India M. Beaty

Norfolk, VA • March 19, 2016 • 25

Laronda Sweatt

Gallatin, TN • April 6, 2016 • 40

Kisha Arrone

Dayton, OH • April 17, 2016 • 35

Deresha Armstrong

Orlando, FL • May 5, 2016 • 26

Jessica Nelson-Williams

San Francisco, CA • May 19, 2016 • 29

Korryn Gaines

Baltimore, MD • August 1, 2016 • 23

Deborah Danner

Bronx, NY • October 18, 2016 • 66

Michelle Lee Shirley

Torrance, CA • October 31, 2016 • 39

Morgan London Rankins

Austin, TX • February 22, 2017 • 30

Elena "Ebbie" Mondragon

Hayward, CA • March 14, 2017 • 16

Alteria Woods

Gifford, FL • March 19, 2017 • 21

Robin White

St. Louis, MO • May 10, 2017 • 50

Jonie Block

Phoenix, AZ • May 15, 2017 • 27

Charleena Lyles

Seattle, WA • June 18, 2017 • 30

India N. Nelson

Norfolk, VA • July 17, 2017 • 25

Kiwi Herring

St. Louis, MO • August 22, 2017 • 30

Sandy Guardiola

Canandaigua, NY • October 4, 2017 • 48

Cariann Hithon

Miami, FL • October 8, 2017 • 22

Geraldine Townsend

Bartlesville, OK • January 17, 2018 • 72

Crystalline Barnes

Jackson, MS • January 27, 2018 • 21

Alkeeta Allena Walker

Tarpon Springs, FL • March 9, 2018 • 33

**DeCynthia Clements** 

Elgin, Illinois • March 12, 2018 • 34

Shukri Ali Said

John Creeks, GA • April 28, 2018 • 36

LaShanda Anderson

Deptford, NJ • June 9, 2018 • 36

Dereshia Blackwell

Missouri City, TX • September 9, 2018 • 39

LaJuana Phillips

Victorville, CA • October 2, 2018 • 36

Tameka LaShay Simpson

Calhoun, GA • December 11, 2018 • 27

April Webster

Darlington County, SC • December 16, 2018 • 47

Angel Viola Decarlo

Hopewell, VA • December 18, 2018 • 31

**Eleanor Northington** 

Indianapolis, IN • February 8, 2019 • 43

Latasha Nicole Walton

Miami, FL • March 12, 2019 • 32

Nina Adams

Greensburg, PA • March 13, 2019 • 47

Pamela Shantay Turner

Baytown, TX • May 13, 2019 • 45

Crystal Danielle Ragland

Huntsville, AL • May 30, 2019 • 32

Atatiana Jefferson

Fort Worth, TX • October 12, 2019 • 28

Tina Davis

Spring Valley, NY • January 4, 2020 • 53

**Breonna Taylor** 

Louisville, KY • March 13, 2020 • 26

Helen Jones

Phoenix, AZ • December 28, 2020 • 47

Ma'Khai Bryant

Columbus, OH • April 20, 2021 • 16

Latoya James

Woodbine, GA • May 4, 2021 • 37

Briana Sykes

Flint, MI • June 19, 2021 • 19

Alexis C. Wilson

Dolton, IL • July 27, 2021 • 19

**Fanta Bility** 

Sharon Hill, PA • August 27, 2021 • 8

Faubricia Virtaux Gainer

Sterling, VA • March 18, 2022 • 36

Erica Graham

Washington, DC • April 23, 2022 • 42

## DEATHS IN CUSTODY, 2003–2022

Total: 33 women

Desseria Whitmore

Seattle, WA • October 25, 2003 • 52

Jameela Yasmeen Arshad

Kenner, LA • January 10, 2005 • 52

Shirley Andrews

Cincinnati, OH • March 3, 2005 • 38

Mytia Groomes

Newark, NJ • July 30, 2005 • 34

Mary Malone Jeffries

Holly Springs, MS • October 1, 2005 • 53

Kendra L. Williams

College Station, TX • December 17, 2005 • 29

Shatica Fuller

Greenwood, SC • June 8, 2006 • 23

Uywanda Peterson

Baltimore, MD • April 24, 2007 • 43

Ahjah Dixon

Corsicana, TX • March 4, 2010 • 23

Talia Barnes

Erie, PA • July 3, 2011 • 29

Anna Brown

Richmond Heights, MO • September 21, 2011 • 29

**Kyam Livingston** 

Brooklyn, NY • July 21, 2013 • 37

Nimali Henry

Chalmette, LA • April 1, 2014 • 19

Latandra Ellington

Ocala, FL • October 1, 2014 • 36

**Iretha Lilly** 

McLennan County, TX • October 6, 2014 • 37

Sheneque Proctor

Bessemer, AL · November 2, 2014 · 18

Natasha McKenna

Fairfax, VA • February 8, 2015 • 37

Sandra Bland

Hempstead, TX • July 13, 2015 • 28

Kindra Chapman

Homewood, AL • July 14, 2015 • 18

Joyce Curnell

Charleston, SC • July 22, 2015 • 50

Ralkina Jones

Cleveland Heights, OH • July 26, 2015 • 37

Raynette Turner

Mount Vernon, NY • July 27, 2015 • 42

Barbara Dawson

Blountstown, FL • December 21, 2015 • 57

Gynnya McMillen

Shelbyville, KY • January 11, 2016 • 16

Wakiesha Wilson

Los Angeles, CA • March 27, 2016 • 36

Symone Marshall

Huntsville, TX • May 10, 2016 • 22

Kim Doreen Chase

Baltimore, MD • April 20, 2017 • 52

Aleah Mariah Jenkins

San Diego, CA • December 6, 2018 • 24

Janice Dotson-Stephens

Bexar County, TX • December 14, 2018 • 61

Layleen Polanco

New York, NY • June 7, 2019 • 27

Tiffany Alexis Eubanks

Yakima, WA • June 3, 2020 • 33

Priscilla Slater

Harper Woods, MI • June 10, 2020 • 38

Ta'Neasha Chappell

Huntsville, TX • July 16, 2021 • 23

### Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw's Biography



"Intersectionality is a lens through which you can see where power comes and collides, where it interlocks and intersects. It's not simply that there's a race problem here, a gender problem here, and a class or LBGTQ problem there."

Kimberlé W. Crenshaw is a pioneering scholar and writer on civil rights, critical race theory, Black feminist legal theory, and race, racism and the law. In addition to her position at Columbia Law School, she is a Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Crenshaw's work has been foundational in critical race theory and in "intersectionality," a term she coined to describe the double bind of simultaneous racial and gender prejudice. Her studies, writing, and activism have identified key issues in the perpetuation of inequality, including the "school to prison pipeline" for African American children and the criminalization of behavior among Black teenage girls. Through the Columbia Law School African American Policy Forum (AAPF), which she co-founded, Crenshaw co-authored (with Andrea Ritchie) Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women, which documented and drew attention to the killing of Black women and girls by police. Crenshaw and AAPF subsequently launched the #SayHerName campaign to call attention to police violence against Black women and girls.

Crenshaw is a sought-after speaker and conducts workshops and trainings. She is also the co-author of Black Girls Matter: Pushed Out, Overpoliced, and Underprotected. Her writing has appeared in the Harvard Law Review, the National Black Law Journal, the Stanford Law Review, and the Southern California Law Review. She is a founding coordinator of the Critical Race Theory workshop and co-editor of Critical Race Theory: Key Documents That Shaped the Movement. In 1981, she assisted on the legal team of Anita Hill during her testimony at the confirmation hearing of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas.

Crenshaw writes regularly for The New Republic, The Nation, and Ms. and provides commentary for media outlets, including MSNBC and NPR, and hosts the podcast Intersectionality Matters! In addition to frequent speaking engagements, training sessions, and town halls, Crenshaw has facilitated workshops for human rights activists in Brazil and in India and for constitutional court judges in South Africa. She serves on the Committee on Law and Justice of the National Academies of Science.

Crenshaw's groundbreaking work on intersectionality was influential in the drafting of the equality clause in the South African Constitution. She authored the background paper on race and gender discrimination for the United Nations' World Conference on Racism in 2001, served as the rapporteur for the conference's expert group on gender and race discrimination, and coordinated NGO efforts to ensure the inclusion of gender in the WCAR Conference Declaration.

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